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Indian Olympic Association rewards Asian Youth Games medallists with cash prizes

Hyderabad: Indian Olympic Association President Dr P T Usha informed on Monday that the IOA took immense pride in the exemplary performance of the country's young athletes at the recent Asian Youth Games in Bahrain, where they won 48 medals across different disciplines.Dr Usha said that gold medallists would be given a cash incentive of Rs 5 lakhs each, silver medallists Rs 3 lakhs each, bronze medallists Rs 2 lakhs each, and even fourth-place finishers Rs 50,000 each.The coaches of medal-winning athletes will be presented with Rs 1 lakh each, and the kabaddi boys' and girls' teams will receive Rs 10 lakhs each.

EVMs commissioned, ready for Jubilee Hills by-poll Hyderabad: A key exercise for the Jubilee Hills bye-election, the commissioning of Electronic Voting Machines

(EVMs) was conducted by the Returning Officer on November 2 and 3 at the Kotla Vijay Bhaskara Reddy Indoor Stadium in the city.

The procedure was held in the presence of the contesting candidates and their agents. Supervision was provided by General Observer Ranjit Kumar Singh, Police Observer Om Prakash Tripathi, and District Election Officer R V Karnan, an official statement said on Monday.

RJD, Cong do not understand language of development, says PM Modi

GNS News Agency, Nov 3

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday launched a strong attack on the RJD-Congress alliance, alleging that both parties have no connection with development and are still trapped in the politics of jungle raj. Addressing a massive rally in Saharsa, Bihar, the Prime Minister said, "Their dictionary is filled only with words like Katta, cruelty, bitterness, misgovernance and corruption. This is all they have learnt in the school of jungle-raj. The RJD and Congress simply don't understand the language of development."PM Modi said that while the NDA stands for development, the opposition represents destruction. He claimed that due to the earlier revenge politics of RJD and Congress, people in the Kosi-Mithilanchal region once had to travel nearly 300 km to move from one side of the area to the other, whereas today that distance has been reduced to less than 30 km.PM Modi also highlighted women's empowerment and congratulated the nation on India's historic first-ever Women's Cricket World Cup title. He said the win was an example of the emerging confidence of women coming from small towns, farmers' families and lower-middle-class households.PM Modi also referred to Bihar's Jeevika Didi campaign and the Chief Minister's Employment Scheme, saying around 1.4 crore women in the state have received Rs 10,000 each in their accounts under various initiatives. The Prime Minister said Bihar has accelerated the pace of development in recent years and urged voters to again elect an NDA government.PM Modi added that the aim is to create conditions where the state's youth



can find opportunities in Bihar itself and bring glory to the state. He reiterated that the NDA's resolve is to ensure that Bihar's youth get opportunities within the state itself. "Our resolve is that the youth of Bihar should work in Bihar and bring glory to Bihar," he said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed to first-time voters in the state to support the NDA in the upcoming Assembly elections, saying their vote should go towards forming a stable government."There are many sons and daughters here who will be voting for the first time. When I voted for the first time, I also wished that my vote would not go to waste. I was happy that I succeeded. I want to tell you -- your first vote should help form the government. Your vote will strengthen the NDA government."PM Modi reminded that only two days remain for the first phase of polling and that voting in Saharsa and Madhepura will take place on the morning of November 6.

19 killed as truck collides head-on with RTC bus in Telangana's Chevella

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Hyderabad: In one of the most tragic road accidents in recent years, 19 people were killed and over a dozen injured when a gravel-laden truck collided head-on with a Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) bus near Mirzaguda village in Chevella of Ranga Reddy district on Monday morning. The accident occurred around 5.10 am on the Hyderabad-Bijapur National Highway when the Tandur-Hyderabad RTC bus bearing registration number TG 34 TA 6354, reportedly carrying nearly 70 passengers, was hit by a truck laden with gravel coming from the opposite direction. The truck reportedly had lost control near Khanapur Gate, crashing into the bus. According to the police, the impact crushed the front portions of both the vehicles, and the truck's gravel load fell onto the bus, burying several passengers alive and injuring others. On receiving information, the Chevella police along with rescue teams and locals rushed to the spot and used excavators to remove the debris. Police said several passengers were trapped under the gravel for hours before being pulled out. Officials confirmed 21 deaths, including drivers, several women, and children. Over 15 passengers suffered serious injuries and were shifted to Chevella Government Hospital and other hospitals. Among the victims were a family of three sisters, a mother and one-month-old girl child, two couples and several students returning to Hyderabad after the weekend. In one tragic case, two young girls identified as Bhavani and Shiva Leela were orphaned after their parents, Bandappa and Lakshmi of Hajipur village, died in the crash.Locals described the collision as a thunderous crash followed by cries for help. Recounting the horrific scene, a



local from Mirzaguda said, "We saw the bus half buried in gravel. People were trapped under the stones and screaming for help. We tried to pull them out with our hands before the JCB arrived." Preliminary investigations by the Chevella police revealed that both the truck and the bus were overloaded, contributing to the severity of the impact. Authorities are probing whether the truck's brakes failed or if the driver had fatigue after a night-long trip or if it was a result of other factors including a bad road condition. The Chevella police have registered a case and seized both the heavy vehicles. Forensic teams are analysing the vehicles to determine the exact sequence of events. Meanwhile, the bodies of the victims were handed over to the families after autopsy.

Revanth Reddy unveils advanced aerial electromagnetic survey to revive SLBC project

GNS News Agency, Nov 3

Hyderabad: Asserting that the Congress government was committed to completing the Srisailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) works, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said the project would aid in supplying 30 tmcft of River Krishna water to 30 lakh acres through gravity. The project cost is estimated at Rs 4,600 crore. The works would be completed as per the earlier estimates. No other project in India can supply such quantum of water at the lowest cost, he stressed.

The Chief Minister formally launched the aerial elecaccompanied by Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy and Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy. Addressing mediapersons, the Chief Minister explained that the survey was being taken up with advanced technology. It helps in identifying the rock culture, loose soil. water pockets and mineral deposits etc and based on the available data, the tunnelling works would be taken up, he said. He stated that the tunnel boring machine, which was used earlier, got stuck 20 kms inside the tunnel. Even carrying oxygen and other equipment to the location was challenging. After getting bearing and other spares from the United States, the machine developed snags and other issues cropped up, he said. Accusing that the past government had neglected the SLBC project with political motives, the Chief Minister said the Congress government was according top priority to the project, which will be completed at any cost.

"The project is at a crucial situation as only 9.8 km tunnelling works have to be completed. If not now, this



project will never get completed," Revanth Reddy said, adding that if anyone tries to indulge in cheap politics, they should be thrashed. The Chief Minister announced that the government would provide compensation and address the grievances of Marlapadu, Keshya tanda and Nakkalagandi habitations, which were close to the SLBC project and got submerged, by December 31 this year.Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy said the project was sanctioned in 1983, and physical works began in 2004-05 with an estimated cost of Rs 2,000 crore. The sanctioned amount for the ongoing works now stands at about Rs 4,000 crore, he said. The tunnel spans about 42 kilometres, of which 9.8 kilometres remain incomplete following a collapse in February 2025. "This survey marks the starting point of a renewed scientific approach. With accurate geological mapping, we will ensure safe and timely completion of the pending work within two years,"

Overloaded truck, overcrowded bus among key causes of Chevella road tragedy: Police probe

Priyanka Gandhi urges focus on jobs, development in

Bihar rallies; jabs at NDA's governance in state

GNS News Agency, Nov 3

Hyderabad: An overloaded truck and an overcrowded RTC bus are believed to have been one of the major contributors which caused the road crash in Mirzaguda in Chevella. The bus, traveling from Tandur bus depot to Hyderabad, collided head-on with a gravel-laden truck, leading to one of the deadliest mishaps in recent times. Preliminary police investigations revealed that both vehicles were carrying excess load. The truck was overloaded with gravel, while the RTC bus had far more passengers than its permitted capacity. The visuals from the accident site, showing a woman trapped under heaps of gravel, have shaken many. Opinions are that an overloaded truck and an overcrowded bus were a deadly combination, regardless of who was at fault. Poor road conditions and failure to deploy sufficient buses to handle passenger rush were also being cited as major causes. Questions are being raised as to why were 70 passengers traveling in a bus meant for 50 persons and on the other hand, did the truck



have permission to operate on that route at that hour. Officials say these aspects were under investigation. The Chevella Police have registered a case and begun a detailed probe into the incident.

India script history, emerge champions in ICC Women's ODI World Cup defeating South Africa in final



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Navi Mumbai: A consolidated team effort led India to their maiden Women's World Cup title, defeating South Africa by 52 runs in the final at DY Patil Stadium, here on Sunday night. South Africa captain Laura Wolvaardt's dismissal in the 42nd over, followed by the dismissal of Chloe Tryon (9) in the same over, sealed the fate of the match as the visitors were eight down, needing 78 off 48 balls.

Nadine de Klerk's late resistance could not steer the side over the line as India bundled out the Proteas for 246 in 45.3 overs to script history in front of passionate home spectators. For India, Deepti Sharma led the attack with figures of 5 for 39, while Shafali Verma chipped in with two crucial wickets. Shafali Verma made a crucial impact with the ball in the summit clash, striking twice in quick succession to turn the game in India's favour. She dismissed Sune Luus in her very first over and then removed the dangerous

Marizanne Kapp, tightening India's grip on the contest before Sinalo Jafta fell as the fifth wicket.

India's breakthrough came earlier when Tazmin Brits was run out by a sharp direct hit from Amanjot Kaur at the non-striker's end. Brits and Laura Wolvaardt had put together a brisk fifty-run opening stand during the powerplay, giving South Africa a solid start to their chase. Sree Charani made an instant impact too, trapping Anneke Bosch LBW in her opening over. Despite the quick setbacks, Wolvaardt continued her excellent form, notching up her 39th ODI fifty and, with Luus, steering South Africa past 100 to keep their hopes alive. But Kaur's move to bring Verma into the attack proved decisive.

The young all-rounder's twin strikes shifted the momentum squarely back in India's favour. Earlier, India posted 298/7 in the first innings – the second-highest total ever in a Women's ODI World Cup final. A strong 100-run opening stand between Smriti Mandhana (45) and Shafali Verma laid the foundation, and at 223 for 3, India looked set for a massive score before South Africa clawed their way back to restrict them just under 300.

Shafali starred with a fluent 87, while Deepti Sharma's composed 58 provided stability in the middle order. Richa Ghosh chipped in with a brisk 34, injecting late momentum into the innings. Among South Africa's bowlers, Ayabonga Khaka shone with figures of 3 for 58, while Nonkululeko Mlaba, Nadine de Klerk, and Chloe Tryon claimed a wicket apiece. Brief Scores: India 298/7 in 50 overs (Shafali Verma 87, Deepti Sharma 54, Richa Ghosh 34; Ayabonga Khaka 3-58) beat South Africa 246/10 in 45.3 overs (Laura Wolvaardt 101, Annerie Dercksen 35; Deepti Sharma 5-39, Shafali Verma 2-36) by 52 runs.

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Patna: Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday urged the Central and state governments to prioritise job creation, industrial growth, and development, while addressing a series of election rallies in Bihar.Appealing to voters to support Mahagathbandhan candidates, she expressed confidence that the Grand Alliance would form the next government in the state. She also took an aim at the NDA's 'double-engine' government, alleging that the

state administration was not functioning independently and that key decisions were being taken from Delhi.

Speaking at a gathering in Saharsa, she made a light-hearted remark suggesting the creation of a "Ministry of Insults", saying it would save the Prime Minister's time for developmental work."My suggestion is that the Prime Minister should create a new ministry and call it the 'Ministry of Insults' so that every time anyone asks questions to him, that ministry would look after it. In this way, his time is not wasted," she said. Addressing the youth, Priyanka Gandhi said when people raise their voices seeking jobs and employment opportunities, their questions should be taken as constructive, not confrontational. "This ministry can also keep a record of all the comments made about my family -- that alone could fill an entire library," she quipped. "The NDA government in Bihar is not double-engine but single-engine, as the state's governance is being controlled from the Centre," she claimed. At her second rally in Lakhisarai, Priyanka Gandhi said that the government's focus should be on addressing people's concerns rather than political exchanges."Students are demanding education, youth are demanding employment, farmers are demanding help -- but instead of responding to their needs, attention is being diverted elsewhere," she said.

Farmers stage protest over rice mill's refusal to accept paddy

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Rajanna-Sircilla: Farmers staged a protest with a lorry loaded with paddy bags in front of the Yellareddypet Tahsildar office on Monday, protesting against rice millers' refusal to accept the paddy, citing high moisture content.

Farmers from Venkatapur had been allocated Rajarajeswara rice mill in Gollapalli. While some farmers transported their paddy to the mill, the owner refused to unload it, claiming the moisture content was 22 percent.

After waiting for five days, the farmers staged their protest by parking the paddy-loaded lorry in front of the Tahsildar office, continuing for about an hour. Upon receiv-

ing information, DSO Chandra Prakash rushed to the spot and assured the farmers that action would be taken against the rice mill, including issuing notices.

Later, the lorry with the paddy was moved to the nearby Sri Lakshmi Venkateswara Agro Industries. Surprisingly, when the paddy's moisture was checked, it was found to be 18 percent. The mill owner was convinced and instructed to unload the paddy.DSO Chandra Prakash said that notices would be sent to Rajarajeswara Industries for not unloading the paddy for the past five days. He also stated that the mill management had failed to respect official orders, and instructed officials not to send any more paddy to the

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Kasibugga temple mishap: Blame game won't help anyone

The stampede at the Venkateswara Swamv temple in Kasibugga, Śrikakulam, on Saturday, is the nth reminder to administrators, police and organisers that they should regard crowd management as a science or specialised field. Only then will they be able to plan and act accordingly. ScienceDirect describes crowd science as "a multidisciplinary field of study that focuses on understanding the behaviour of crowds and developing strategies to ensure their safety in various settings." The temple mishap, which claimed nine lives, including women and a child, seems typical. There was a surge in the number of devotees, which caused a railing to break. A stampede followed. Equally typical has been the aftermath: the temple authorities and local cops trading allegations and counter-allegations. Only thorough investigation can find the people responsible for the accident, but it seems certain that planning was not proper for the crowd size that day. The temple usually gets 10,000 to 15,000 worshippers on Saturdays, but on this occasion, Ekadashi, there was a turnout of about 25,000 devotees. The unexpected numbers may have triggered the tragedy. Still, the point is that the organisers and police should have anticipated this for sudden and unanticipated surges at temples and other public gatherings that happen quite frequently.

In June, the Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) cricket team's IPL victory celebrations in Bengaluru triggered a mad rush near the approach road to Chinnaswamy Stadium; a dozen were reportedly killed. The causes were inadequate planning, poor coordination between the organisers and administrators, and political theatrics. In February, there was a stampede at the New Delhi railway station, which killed 18 people.

Sonalika Achieves Record Sales of 27,028 Tractors in Oct'25, Growing 2.3X Faster Than Industry



Hyderabad:India's No. 1 tractor export brand, Sonalika Tractors has recorded an iconic performance with an all-time high monthly sales of 27,028 tractors in October 2025 – the biggest month after GST reduction. The staggering performance is driven by the highest overall growth of 34.8% among the leading tractor brands and is also 2.3X of the overall industry performance (est). The company also registered the highest market share gain of 2.2 percentile points during the month (est.) that reflects the company's focus on innovation, farmer-centricity, and cross-functional collaboration across teams and dealerships.

Sharing his views, Mr. Raman Mittal, Joint Managing Director, International Tractors Limited, said, "October'25 marks as the biggest month after the GST reduction on tractors and we have scripted a glorious new chapter in our incredible journey with a record-breaking overall sales of 27,028 tractors. Achieving the highest overall growth of 34.8% in the tractor industry, we have beaten the industry performance by 2.3X and secured the highest market share gain of 2.2 percentage points. Such mega achievements are the testament to our commitment and collaboration and underline our 'Jazba' - our unique spirit of winning together, which truly defines the unstoppable energy of ITL. As we stand together as one unified team, every heavy duty tractor we deliver represents a symbol of empowerment and we will keep supporting farmers with the edge to script success stories that drive India forward.

Sonalika consistently ensures that the real needs of our farmers are addressed for every field. The company has set multiple new benchmarks during the month - highest-ever delivery, billing, and production at the World's No.1 tractor plant - all made possible through the meticulous planning, passion, and belief in its collective strengths. More than a pure technological feat, the new achievement reflects on how deeply the company remains in sync with the hands that power the fields and remain as the true symbol of determination and hard work.

Brahmin Seva Sangha Federation, an Atmiya Sammelanam

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Garden in Mallapur, under the auspices of the Brahmin Seva Sangha Federation, an Atmiya Sammelanam and Karthika Vanasamaaradhana programme organized."Hon'ble Minister Sri D. Sridhar Babu, Minister for IT, Industries, and Legislative Affairs, attended the event as the chief guest."During the programme, congres leader Kittu and other elders of the community

met and greeted Hon'ble Minister D. Sridhar Babu with due

JSW MG Motor India crosses 100,000 EV Sales Milestone!Becomes the Second 4W-EV OEM to achieve this feat in India



Hyderabad: JSW MG Motor India, a key contributor to India's 4W-EV growth story, today announced a landmark achievement of surpassing the 100,000 EV sales milestone in India. The auto-tech company has remained at the forefront of designing clean and intelligent mobility solutions for a sustainable future, offering not only smart products but also intuitive ecosystem-based solutions.

This milestone is driven by the robust performance of the company's wide EV portfolio, which caters to varied customer demands. From everyday city needs to luxurious indulgence in every drive, MG's diverse EV offerings represent the brand's commitment to innovation, performance, and sustainable mobility for Indian consumers. As the market continues to evolve, MG remains ready to expand its portfolio and include new energy powertrains as

Speaking on the milestone, Anurag Mehrotra, Managing Director, JSW MG Motor India said, "Crossing the 100,000 EV sales milestone reflects the trust Indian customers place in sustainable choices. I thank our customers and the entire JSW MG Motor India team for this momentous milestone. As mobility evolves, we remain committed to driving India's vision of innovative and clean mobility solutions."

Over the years, JSW MG Motor India has emerged as one of the most prominent OEMs in the EV segment. The brand's market share has grown steadily, from 26% in CY2024 to 35% currently. This rising demand for MG EVs highlights growing acceptance among customers and segment fence-sitters.

The carmaker has piloted several ecosystem-based projects and launched numerous industry-first initiatives that are setting new benchmarks in the EV segment. These include the EV Sahi Hai public awareness campaign that promotes EV adoption by highlighting real user experiences; ehub by MG app, a one-stop app for all charging needs; Battery-as-a-Service, which simplifies EV ownership; MG Charge, aimed at installing 1000 chargers in 1000 days; and Project Revive, focused on battery recycling and repurposing used batteries for a second life, bringing circularity in the EV ecosystem. Each of these initiatives is gaining prominence and reflects the brand's commitment to building a more robust and customer-friendly EV ecosystem through technological innovation.

Sumadhura Group Sets a Benchmark in Hyderabad's Luxury Living Landscape with the City's First-Ever Branded Clubhouse in a Residential Community

Hyderabad: In a groundbreaking and visionary move to introduce Hyderabad to a new era of global lifestyle experiences and redefine modern community living, Sumadhura Group—one of South India's most trusted developers unveils the city's first-ever Branded Clubhouse within a residential community. This pioneering initiative, featuring exclusive collaborations with iconic global brands in sports, fitness, wellness, and recreation will be housed within the premium 85,000 sq. ft floating clubhouse at Sumadhura's ultra-luxury project—Palais Royale, Financial District of Hyderabad.

Further expanding its vision, Sumadhura Group has also introduced the Branded Clubhouse at its flagship residential project Folium in Bengaluru—marking the launch of India's first multi-city Branded Clubhouse across premium residential communities in Hyderabad and Bengaluru. Sumadhura has partnered with eight handpicked, iconic globally and nationally renowned brands including Badminton Pros by Saina Nehwal, Michael Phelps Swimming, UFC FIT, Saurav Ghosal Squash, Mahesh Bhupathi Tennis Academies, Matrix Dance Academy by Tiger Shroff, Shriyog Institute of Iyengar Yoga, and Ajivasan Music & Dance Academy by Suresh Wadkar to curate an unparalleled global lifestyle experience for residents, right within the two residential communities of Hyderabad and



Bengaluru. Each residential community — Palais Royale and Folium features a unique blend of world-class sports and wellness brands, thoughtfully selected to enrich the lifestyle aspirations of its residents. Expressing his enthusiasm on the launch, Mr. Madhusudhan G, Chairman & Managing Director, Sumadhura Group said, "Over the past decade, Hyderabad has evolved into a global economic powerhouse, drawing in UHNIs, HNIs, NRIs, and international professionals. Backed by a thriving IT, BFSI, and pharmaceutical ecosystem, along with world-class infrastructure, the city is experiencing an unprecedented demand for ultra-luxury residences, reshaping the very definition of aspirational living in India.

It looks like this message is in English 'Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak' awarded to 1,466 personnel of various States/UTs/CAPFs/CPOs for the year 2025.



Hyderabad: 'Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak' recognizes excellent work, promotes high professional standards and boosts the morale of the concerned officials/officers in the fields of Special Operation, Investigation, Intelligence and Forensic Science. 'Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak' will boost the morale of all police personnel. 'Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak' was instituted by Ministry of Home Affairs in February, 2024. 'Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak' is announced on 31st of October every year on the occasion of Birth Anniversary of

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. This award merged 4 different awards to 4 different fields into one award. This year this prestigious award was given to the 19-Police Officers of Jammu Kashmir State including Kashmir Range I.G. Sri. V.K.Birdi and Srinagar Senior SP Sri. G.V.Sandeep Chakravarthi, who participated in 'Operation Mahadev' which was targeted to eliminate the Terrorists of Pahalgam Attack. The Five Police Officers of Telangana State were awarded with the Prestigious 'Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak' Award for this year 2025.

- 1. Chandra Babu Nagari, Inspector, Bhongir Rural Circle, Rachakonda,
 - Upendar Rao Jala, Inspector, Cyberabad,
 - Thirupathi Vasala, Inspector, C.I.Cell,
 - 4. A.Laxman Rao, HC, C.I.Cell,
 - 4. A.Laxman Rao, HC, C 5. G.Jacob, HC, C.I.Cell,

were Selected for their excellence services for this year. Sri. G.Sudheer Babu IPS, Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda has appreciated the awardee Sri. Chandra Babu Nagari, Inspector of Police at his Office Neredmet, Hyderahad

Paranjyoti gets doctorate from OU



"Indian Chronicle November 02 Tarnaka OU:Under the supervision of Professor Vijayalakshmi Reddy from the Sociology Department of Osmania University""A Study on Understanding Begging in Hyderabad and Insight into Rehabilitation Possibilities" "

The Department of Examinations, Osmania University, has announced the award of Doctorate to K. Paranjyoti for completing his research on the topic.Paranjyoti is the daughter of Bharathi Eswaraiah, a poor Vishwakarma family from a village called Tuniki Kalsa in Vargal mandal of Siddipet district.Paranjyoti said that even though she got married after tenth grade, she joined Inter with couragement of her husband Kumar and completed her degree, PG, B.Ed, and PhD courses."

"She also explained that her daughter Preethi and son Neeraj also encouraged and supported her."Dr. Paranjyothi thanked her guide Professor Vijayalakshmi Reddy and the faculty of the OU Sociology Department for their support in her research."

PhonePe Rolls Out 'PhonePe Protect' to Safeguard Users from Fraudulent Transactions



Hyderabad:PhonePe has rolled-out 'PhonePe Protect'-a security framework designed to safeguard users from fraudulent transactions. This feature notifies users to avoid making payments to potentially suspicious numbers and displays a 'PhonePe Protect' alert, to users attempting such transactions. The feature also offers insights into the risks involved when transactions are declined for security reasons. With this initiative, PhonePe ensures its commitment to secure digital transactions for millions of Indian citizens.

'PhonePe Protect' incorporates a mechanism to identify and block transactions directed toward mobile numbers that are flagged as suspicious by The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) through their 'Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI)' feature. PhonePe's system intelligence actively detects these risks during the payment process and intervenes in real time once the risks are detected. Users then receive relevant warnings as notifications to help them make informed decisions about their transactions, further improving their overall security.

The introduction of this new feature builds on a key collaboration showcased at the 2025 India Mobile Congress (IMC), where the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) recognised PhonePe for combating cyber frauds for early implementation of its Al-based Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) tool. PhonePe, in turn, demonstrated how 'PhonePe Protect' uses this crucial DoT tool to actively safeguard users during transactions. Commenting on the new feature, Anuj Bhansali, Head of Trust & Safety at PhonePe, said, "At PhonePe, payment security is paramount, and we have implemented several initiatives to safeguard our customers. 'PhonePe Protect' represents our vision of creating a financial ecosystem where security is seamlessly embedded into every transaction. With this feature, we've developed a robust security system that shields our user base (which was over 61 crore as of March 31, 2025) from cyber threats in real-time. This is more than just a security feature- it's our commitment to building a safer digital payments ecosystem for India. We are confident that this solution will establish a secure and seamless payments

Showness Hosts Spectacular "Pro Liss Day" — Redefining Hair Rejuvenation in Hyderabad



Hyderabad: Showness, Hyderabad's premier destination for luxury hair transformations, once again proved its expertise with the spectacular "Pro Liss Day" celebration held at its flagship salon in Madhapur. The event brought together beauty enthusiasts, influencers, and loyal patrons to experience the magic of Pro Liss Hair Botox — a breakthrough treatment redefining the art of hair rejuvenation and wellness. The highlight of the day was the special presence of Mr. Darshan Mahesh Gala, a renowned Pro Liss Specialist from Mumbai, who performed live Hair Botox sessions for select guests. His expert demonstration of advanced hair restoration techniques gave attendees a firsthand look at the precision, safety, and transformative power that make Pro Liss the gold standard in professional hair care. Sharing his thoughts on the occasion, Mr. Dhiraj Devalapalli, Founder of Showness, said, "Hosting Pro Liss Day was a milestone moment for us. Our goal has always been to bring global-grade, result-oriented treatments to Hyderabad. With Pro Liss Hair Botox, we're not just transforming hair—we're transforming how people feel about themselves. Every client deserves an unrushed, luxurious experience that restores confidence along with shine, and today's event perfectly embodied that mission."

DYFI Foundation Day Celebrations



""Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad, District Reporte, Jade Srinivas. October, 01. ""On the occasion of the 46th Foundation Day of the Democratic Youth Federation of India, District President Teekanand hoisted the DYFI flag in front of the Public Associations Office in Asifabad District Center.

He said that DYFI was formed in Luthiyanagaram, Punjab in the month of November in 1980. He said that DYFI fights on job, employment and youth issues. DYFI District Vice President Purushottam and Secretary Karthik partici-

"I Am Neither Their Voice Nor Theirs — I Am the Voice of Telangana's People":



Bureo""Jagruthi President deplores political inertia, demands ?50,000 per acre compensation for cyclone-hit farmers, and equitable access to education and healthcare ""Declaring that Telangana is gripped by a political void, Smt. Kalvakuntla Kavitha, President of Telangana Jagruthi, lamented that mainstream political parties have abandoned their duty to champion public causes. She affirmed that her movement will stand steadfastly with the people, fighting for their rights and restoring moral accountability in governance.""Addressing the media at a private hotel in Karimnagar on Saturday, Kavitha observed that despite widespread devastation caused by the recent Montha cyclone, major political parties remain apathetic, more absorbed in electoral pursuits than in alleviating farmers' suffering. "She demanded that the State Government sanction compensation of ?50.000 per acre to all cyclone-affected farmers and criticized both the BJP and Congress for their silence on labour reforms that undermine workers'

rights. "Prime Minister Modi tramples on labour rights, yet neither Congress nor BRS has raised a voice for the working class. Rahul Gandhi speaks passionately about farmers' laws, but why does he not speak of labour laws?" she questioned pointedly. ""Clarifying her stance on the Jubilee Hills by-election, Kavitha asserted that Telangana Jagruthi holds no partisan position. Recalling her earlier interventions in the Legislative Council, she noted, "Only after I raised the issue of fee reimbursement did the Chief Minister release ?700 crore." She extended her solidarity to educational institutions struggling for reimbursement dues, promising unwavering support to their cause.""Refuting allegations of political alignment, Kavitha proclaimed, "They may call me their arrow or someone else's weapon — but I am the arrow of Telangana's people, guided solely by their aspirations." "She further vowed to embrace every betrayed activist of the Telangana movement and to secure compensation for the families of unrecognized martyrs. She emphasized the need to ensure universal access to education, healthcare, and social welfare benefits, describing them as the pillars of a humane and equitable state.""Expressing grave concern over the deteriorating civic infrastructure, Kavitha remarked that the Karimnagar-Vemulawada road is blanketed with dust, while the roads in Huzurabad and Manakondur have fallen into appalling disrepair.""On the social front, she decried the alarming deaths in welfare hostels, revealing that over 110 children have lost their lives in such institutions within the last eighteen months, calling it "a blot on the conscience of the administration." "She urged the authorities to expedite the repair of the Arkandla-Kannapur road and the completion of the Gundlapalli-Ganneruvaram route, which remain vital to regional connectivity. ""Highlighting the plight of artisans in Ramadugu, Kavitha appealed to the government to safeguard and rehabilitate traditional craftsmen by allocating five acres of land to each artisan family, preserving their heritage and dignity of labour.

Congress Government Committed to Transforming the Urban Landscape:



"P.S.ASHOKAN"Karimngar Bureo"" MLA Chinthakunta Vijay Ramana Ra Ramana Rao announced that an additional ?15 crore has been sanctioned for the comprehensive development of Sultanabad town, with the goal of transforming its civic and infrastructural landscape under the Congress government. ""Speaking on the occasion after formally handing over copies of the Municipal Administration Department's Government Order (GO No. 566)

on Saturday, the MLA stated that the Congress government is determined to modernize Sultanabad across all sectors, ensuring that the town regains its rightful place in regional progress. ""Criticizing the previous BRS government's decade-long tenure, he remarked that Sultanabad was treated with stepmotherly neglect, resulting in severe developmental setbacks. "Although I was born in nearby Shivapalli village, I grew up and received my education here in Sultanabad. This town has shaped my life, and it is my responsibility to repay that debt by transforming it into a model municipality," he asserted."

"The MLA elaborated that the newly sanctioned ?15 crore will be utilized for the construction of internal roads, junction improvements, drainage systems, culverts, and the development of merged villages within the municipal limits." "Expressing gratitude to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the concerned ministers, and senior officials of the Municipal Administration Department for their swift approval of the funds, Vijay Ramana Rao reaffirmed his commitment to the town's progress. He also appealed to the citizens to stand by him in the collective endeavor to secure further funding and undertake extensive developmental works in

KISNA Inaugurates its Exclusive Showroom in Telangana



"CHITTIMALLA MAHENDAR, KARIMNAGAR BUREAU, NOVEMBER 02, INDIAN CHRONICLE," "Karimnagar, Telangana, 2nd November 2025: KISNA Diamond and Gold Jewellery proudly announced the grand opening of its 5th exclusive showroom in Telangana, Karimnagar, located at Gourishetty Complex. The inauguration was graced by Mr. Ghanshyam Dholakia, Founder & Managing Director, Hari Krishna Group." "To celebrate this launch, KISNA is offering Upto 75 parsent off on making charges of diamond jewellery and Upto 25 parsent off on making charges of gold jewellery, along with

an additional 5 parsent instant discount on ICICI bank credit and debit cards. KISNA is also running a special Shop & Win campaign, where consumers stand a chance to win 1000+ scooters and 200+ cars on the purchase of diamond and gold jewellery. ""Mr. Ghanshyam Dholakia, Founder & Managing Director, Hari Krishna Group, stated: "Telangana has been a strong and growing market for us. With our 5th exclusive showroom in the state, KISNA continues its focused retail expansion strategy, ensuring our presence in every key region across India. This brings us closer to our vision, 'Har Ghar KISNA,' as we continue our journey to make diamond jewellery accessible and desirable for every woman in India." ""Mr. Parag Shah, CEO, KISNA Diamond & Gold Jewellery, added: "We're delighted to expand KISNA's reach to Karimnagar, ensuring that more consumers can experience our promise of luxury. Our aim is to make diamond jewellery a part of every woman's journey - not just for special occasions, but for every day." ""Mr. Sai Varun Gourishetty & Mr. Sai Krishna Narla, Exclusive Brand Outlet Partners, KISNA, said: "We are delighted to bring KISNA's trusted craftsmanship and elegant collections to Karimnagar. It gives us immense confidence that partnering with a brand like KISNA will redefine the shopping experience for our customers in the city." ""In line with KISNA's commitment to giving back to the community, the brand organized a blood donation camp as part of the launch event and also hosted a food distribution & tree plantation

Tragic Incident in Godavari: Young Man Goes Missing — Former MLA Putt Madhu Reviews Rescue Operations."

"P.S.ASHOKAN"Karimngar Bureo.""A tragic incident unfolded on Monday morning at Manthani, when a young man, Ravikanti Sai Kumar, a resident of the town, was swept away in the Godavari River after he reportedly slipped while bathing. The sudden mishap cast a pall of gloom over the locality, becoming the central topic of concern among residents.""Upon receiving information about the unfortunate occurrence, Minister Sridhar Babu immediately alerted the district administration and directed officials to initiate swift and coordinated search operations. Teams of rescue personnel promptly commenced an extensive search in the river's deeper stretches.""Meanwhile, former MLA Putt Madhu personally visited the site of the incident and undertook a detailed review of the situation. He interacted with local officials, rescue teams, and eyewitnesses, gathering first-hand information about the ongoing operations. "The former legislator also met the grief-stricken family members of the missing youth, consoling them and assuring



every possible measure to trace their loved one. He instructed the rescue authorities to intensify the search efforts and utilize all available resources to expedite the process ""

Retired professor- tireless researcher.



""Indian Chronicle Tarnaka OU November 02: Anumakonda Varada Rajulu, a retired professor from Sri Krishnadevaraya University, is known as a tireless researcher. "He retired in 2010 after spending 33 years teaching and researching. However, due to his passion for research, he continues to conduct research in the field of education even after retirement at the age of 75. Based on the results of his research, Varadaraju was selected as an Emirates Fellow by the UGC after his retirement. Since then, he has been conducting research on environmentally friendly plastics. In addition, he was selected as the CSIR Emirates Scientist. He conducted research on nanocomposites at the Physics Department of Osmania University. His research has been published in 20053 leading international journals and has also received 4 peer-reviewed papers. His name has been included in the top scientists published by Stanford University.

Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah participated in the BC JAC state wide meeting

"(Mandava Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau.. Indian Chronicle..November 3):- Telangana State Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah participated in the BC JAC state wide meeting at Kalinga Bhavan in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. Speaking on the occasion, Beerla Ayilaiah said that he was very happy to participate in this meeting organized to intensify the BC reservation movement with the slogan that reservations are not a beggar given by anyone, it is our right, and to achieve 42% reservations for BCs in education, employment, politics, and other areas. He said that all parties and all sections should unite and fight for the achievement of BC reservation and achieve 42% BC reservations.



Launch of the collective Shiva Naam Smarana pamphlet: - Sanatana Hindu Temples Preservation Committee President Devarakonda Narasimha Chari



"(Mandava Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle.. November 3):- Sanatana Hindu Temples Preservation Committee President Devarakonda Narasimha Chari, Pachchalakatta Someswara Swamy Temple Committee Chairman Kolluri Raju Brahmin Sangam

District Secretary Ramagiri Koteswara Sharma Ayyappa Guruswamy Sadhu Upender Swamy have called for a collective Shiva Naam Smarana on Wednesday, the 5th of this month, from 7.15 pm to 7.30 pm, to commemorate Kartika Pournami. Everyone is invited to participate in this program, which is being carried out on the advice of Vedic Brahmins, spiritual gurus, Brahmins and Vishwa Brahmin priests. On the occasion of Kartika month, everyone is invited to participate in this program, which is being carried out on the advice of Vedic Brahmins, spiritual gurus, Brahmins and Vishwa Brahmin priests. During the launch of the pamphlet, the group was asked to chant Shiva's name while Shiva Keshavula was roaming on earth and seek the blessings of the Swami. They asked everyone to be there at the specified time on that day and to chant Shiva's name for fifteen minutes while doing household chores, business, and other activities. In this program, Kappagantula Nagaraju Sharma, Bisma Sharma, Praveen Sharma, Chenna, Mahesh Guruswami, Kalya Nagaraju, Potnak, Rahul Karipe, Manish, Errozu, Praveen, Chari, Bari, and Ayyappa Swami participated in the launch of the pamphlet.

Government should release scholarships immediately as promised "Students protest in front of Sri Nava Bharat Degree College

"(Mandava Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle.. November 3):- Demanding that the government immediately release the pending fee reimbursement and scholarships as promised earlier, the students of Sri Nava Bharat Degree and PG Colleges in Bhuvanagiri town voluntarily boycotted classes on Monday and protested with black badges in front of the college. On this occasion, the college director and principal Chikka Prabhakar Goud said that the colleges will be closed from today as per the call given by the Federation of Private Higher Education Institutions across the state to release the pending scholarships of the students. He said that the bandh will not be lifted until the dues are released. Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka and several ministers have been demanding the release of fee reimbursement dues for the last two years, as well as Telangana He said that many petitions were submitted to the State Council Chairman Balakrishna Reddy. He expressed his regret that he finally met the State Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in person and requested the release of fee reimbursement and scholarship arrears, but to no avail. Earlier, the self-appointed Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had promised in the Assembly that the pending reimbursement and scholarship of the students would be paid in installments in stages. But till today, the promise given by the self-appointed Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has not been fulfilled. He said that the fee reimbursement arrears would be released in installments, but they have not been paid even till now. In the past, when they closed the college, the government invited the management for discussions. During those discussions, the government agreed to pay Rs. 1200 crore in two installments, out of

Bhuvanagiri Rural Inspector Nagiri Chandrababu in Rachakonda Police Commissionerate receives Central Home Ministry Efficiency Award "

"(Mandava Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle..November 3):- Nagiri Chandrababu, who is working as Bhuvanagiri Rural Inspector in Rachakonda Police Commissionerate, has been selected from Telangana State for the most distinguished Central Home Ministry Efficiency Award.



which there were a total of Rs. 10,000 crore arrears. It promised to release Rs. 600 crore immediately for Dussehra and the remaining amount by Diwali. But even today, only Rs. 300 crore has been released. In these unfortunate circumstances, the management of private colleges across the state has once again decided to go on strike. He said that until the government responds and releases the fee reimbursement and scholarship dues of the students, there is no question of opening all private degree and PG colleges across the state, and an indefinite strike has been called from the 3rd. Students and parents were appealed to voluntarily cooperate in their agitation. College Vice Principal Ellesh, female teachers Padma, Spandana, Dharani, Prananna, Mounika, Ambika, Paripur, Deepika, Kalpana, teachers Ramesh, Sridhar, Santosh, Kranthi, Sunil, Rafi, Srikanth, Shravan, Venkatesh, Majid, Manohar, Narender, Phool Chand, Balakrishna, Prashanth and others participated in this program.



To Provide Better Electricity Services, "Praja Baata" Program Held Every Week: Habsiguda Division SE Pratima Shome"



"KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 3 (Indian Chronicle): ""Habsiguda Division Electricity Department SE (Superintending Engineer) Smt. Pratima Shome stated that a three-day "Praja Baata" (Public Outreach) program is being conducted every week to resolve consumer issues and ensure better power supply. A Consumers' Day was organized on Monday at the Southern Telangana Power Distribution Company (TSSPDCL) Habsiguda Circle Office, under the supervision of SE Pratima Shome. "Speaking on the occasion, she said that the main aim of the program is to receive complaints from electricity consumers and ensure speedy resolution of their issues. Many consumers participated and presented their local power-related problems. Among the major complaints received were requests for installation of new electric poles, replacement of hanging wires, and construction of protective fencing around

transformers. "She explained that apart from this event, officials would be available to the public every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. as part of the "Praja Baata" program, where consumers can directly present their grievances. ""During the Consumers' Day event, 23 complaints were received, and she assured that all issues would be resolved at the earliest. "She also mentioned that the contact numbers of all department staff have been changed, and consumers are requested to collect the new numbers. Adding the respective circle contact numbers to colony WhatsApp groups would help in quicker communication and response, she added. Pratima Shome emphasized that the primary goal of the department is to provide quality power supply and appealed to consumers to pay their electricity bills on time to support the department's development. Representatives from various colony welfare associations-including Anand Nagar Colony, Venkateshwara Colony, Kaveri Nagar, Ganesh Nagar, Sitaram Colony, Ramanthapur Srinagar Colony, Shantinagar, Uppal Saibaba Colony, and Annapurna Colony—submitted their grievances.Officials present: Habsiguda DE K. Subbarao, DE (Technical) K. Suryanarayana, Uppal ADE Ravinder, Habsiguda ADE Dasharath, Uppal AE Kiran Kumar Reddy, Chilukanagar AE Vinay Kumar Reddy, Ramanthapur AE Lavanya, along with several electricity department staff members

With the help of the government.. solution to the problems of employees:- Telangana Employees JAC Chairman, Deputy Collectors Association President V Lachi Reddy

""(Mandava Srisailam..Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle.. November 3):- There will be a revenue department as long as there is land, 2026 will be the year of promotions for revenue employees, the construction of a revenue club in the state capital, and the fulfillment of the demands of revenue employees are the goals of TGTA and TGRSA, said V Lachi Reddy, Telangana Employees JAC Chairman and Deputy Collectors Association President at the TGTA and TGRSA state executive meeting. He said that the workload will gradually reduce with the strengthening of the revenue department from the field level to the state level, the appointment of GPOs, DTs and Deputy Collectors, and that we will move forward with collective decisions. In any case, the problems of revenue employees will be solved with the help of the government, said V. Lacchi Reddy, Chairman of the Telangana Employees JAC and President of the Deputy Collectors Association. "He said that the revenue department will exist as long as there is land, and 2026 will be the year of promotions for revenue employees. "He said that the goal of TGTA and TGRSA is to solve the problems of revenue employees and achieve fair demands. The state executive meeting of the Telangana Tahsildars Association (TGTA) and Telangana Revenue Services Association (TGRSA) was held in Yadadri on Sunday under the chairmanship of V. Lacchi Reddy. Speaking at the meeting, Lacchi Reddy said that after the arrival of GPOs, revenue services to the people and farmers have increased. He said that revenue employees will be promoted in the near future and more than 100 MROs are going to become deputy collectors soon. While covering the Revenue Department, we should work for the welfare of Revenue, government employees and the people. We should prepare an action plan to implement every resolution made in the state executive meeting. "He said that there will be a sports meet for Revenue employees in January 2026. He suggested that Revenue employees should do their job responsibly and also give time to their families. He said that efforts will be made to purchase one thousand acres under the Revenue Housing Society in Future City. He also said that efforts will be made to construct Revenue offices in every district. On this occasion, Lachi Reddy said that a Revenue Club is going to be built in the state capital Hyderabad. "He said that the Revenue Department will be strengthened from the field level to the state level. He said that the workload will gradually reduce with the appointment of GPOs, DTs and Deputy Collectors. Lachi Reddy called for us to move forward with collective decisions. "Topics



discussed in this meeting.. ""Presidents Ramulu and Banala Ramreddy presented annual reports on the programs and representations made by TGTA and TGRSA in the last year. Also, the main topics discussed were the promotions, panels, transfers of revenue employees, identification and allocation of lands for revenue association buildings, government employees' housing policy, cashless treatment (E.H.S), revenue department, land and training of revenue employees under the auspices of TGTA and TGRSA. Also, the issues related to promotions of Tahsildars as Deputy Collectors, release of transport funds for Tahsildar vehicles, and compassionate appointments were discussed in this meeting. The state executive meeting was attended by Employees' JAC Co-Chairman, Deputy Collectors' Association General Secretary Ketawat Ramakrishna, TGTA President and Secretaries S. Ramulu, Ramesh Paka, TGRSA State President and Secretaries Banala Ram Reddy, V. Biksham, TGTA Associate President Challa Srinivas, TGTA Women's Section President P. Radha, TGRSA Women's Section President Sujatha Chauhan, Secretary General Phool Singh Chauhan, Areti Rajeshwar, TGRSA State Treasurer Mallesh, Associate President Adhyaya Srinivas, CCLA Unit President Rambabu, CCLA Unit General Secretary Chaitanya Krishna, RDOs Krishna Reddy, Sekhar Reddy DS Venkanna, Women's Section President Sujatha Chauhan, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District TGTA President Podila Ravikumar, Prime Minister's Secretary Srinivas Reddy, TGRSA District President Kondam Venkat Reddy, General Secretary P. Pallavi, TGTA and TGRSA Presidents and Secretaries from 33 districts par-

Applications received in Prajavani should be resolved quickly without any pending issues

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao""(Manduva Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri Bureau...Indian Chronicle.. November 3):- District Collector Hanumantha Rao has instructed the concerned officials to resolve the applications received in Prajavani quickly without any pending issues."At the Prajavani program held at the Collectorate Conference Hall on Monday, the District Collector along with Revenue Additional Collector Veera Reddy and Local Bodies Additional Collector Bhaskara Rao received 68 applications from the people of various areas. The concerned officials should examine and resolve the applications received in Prajavani from time to time without any pending issues. It was informed that 56 of them were received by the Revenue Department, 3 by the Employment Department, 2 by the District Panchayat, 2 by the Irrigation Department, 2 by the Excise Department, BC Welfare Department, District Welfare Department, District Rural Development Department, and Survey Land Departments. He instructed the concerned officers to immediately examine the applications received by various departments and resolve the problems of the people. After the public address, the District Collector reviewed with the Mandal Special Officers... He said that the Mandal Special Officers should inspect the grain purchase centers at the field level and ensure that there is no problem for the farmers. He said that the grain should be purchased immediately after the moisture content in the centers is reached, and that there should be no shortage of lorries and that it should be transported to the mills from time to time. He said that he should frequently check whether the moisture content machines in the purchase centers are working properly or not. He ordered the Mandal Special Officers to visit the field level frequently. He warned that action will be taken if they are negligent in their duties. As part of the school trip program, Mandal Special Officers should conduct surprise inspections in schools and check whether the students are being served good and tasty meals according to the menu or not. Special focus should be given to class 10 students and

special classes should be organized for backward students.



Mandal special officers should instruct the beneficiaries of Indiramma Houses and ask them to complete the construction work of houses at various stages. The pending applications in Prajavani through various departments should be examined at the field level and resolved as far as possible. DRO Jayamma, Deputy Collector, ZP CEO Shobharani, DRDA PD Nagireddy, Housing PD Vijaya Singh, district officials of various departments participated in this program.

Medak district BRS BC leaders pay tributes on the death of Harish Rao's father Satyanarayana Rao

"The BC leaders of Veldurthi mandal of Medak district know that Satyanarayana Rao, the father of former BRS minister Harish Rao, who passed away recently, BRS leaders ex-ZPTC Ramesh Goud, Kodanda Krishna Goud, Sakaram Srinivas Goud, Babburi Satyanarayana Goud's teacher Arikala Venkatesham Harish Rao came to pay their respects. Tributes were paid at home.

Budige Ravi Kumar Goud Appointed as President of Telangana State Sports Wing, Head World Human Rights Council"



""KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 3 (Indian Chronicle): ""The Head World Human Rights Council, which has been actively functioning in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states, has appointed Budige Ravi Kumar Goud from Telangana as the President of the Telangana State Sports Wing. The appointment orders were issued by the Council Chairman, Madhav."On this occasion, Ravi Kumar Goud expressed his gratitude to Chairman Madhav for placing trust in him and appointing him as the President of the State Sports Wing. He also extended special thanks to National General Secretary Satish Devarakonda for his efforts in facilitating this appointment. "He stated that he would work to the best of his ability for the growth of the organization and ensure justice for victims, pledging to remain committed to the protection of human rights under the banner of the Head World Human Rights Council. On his assuming charge, organization members and local dignitaries conveyed their congratulations and felicitated him grandly.

Not a party that deceives the people... Make the BRS party that works for the welfare of the people win: BRS party state leaders Chintala Venkateswara Reddy

"(Mandava Srisailam.. Hyderabad.. Indian Chronicle November 3):- As part of the Jubilee Hills by-election campaign, BRS party senior state leaders Chintala Venkateswara Reddy, along with 127 Division Corporator B Vijay Shekhar Goud, conducted a door-to-door election campaign today at booth numbers 322,330,331,332,333 in Swaraj Nagar and Banjara Nagar in Borabanda Division. Speaking on the occasion, they said... BRS is the party that worked for the welfare of all sections of the people by introducing many works and schemes that were not promised during the elections, in addition to the promises made during the previous BRS government, while Congress is the party that deceived the people with false promises and failed to keep the promises made. The services rendered by Maganti Gopinath for the development of Jubilee Hills constituency are unforgettable, and if Gopinath's services are to continue, people should vote for number 3 in the elec-



tions to be held on November 11 and make BRS Party candidate Maganti Sunitha Gopinath win. Local booth committee members, BRS leaders, BRS Party Bhuvanagiri, Qutbullapur, in-charges, party workers and others participated in this program.

Minister Ponguleti, Government Whip Beerla Ailaiah participating in the ongoing election campaign in Jubilee Hills "



"(Mandava Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle..November 3):- In the by-elections being held in Jubilee Hills constituency, Telangana State Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ailaiah participated in



the election campaign in Jubilee Hills along with State Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. He went around every street and village in Rehmant Nagar in Jubilee Hills and campaigned with MLA candidate Naveen Yadav, urging people to vote for him and win.

PARAMESHWAR REDDY Campaigns for Naveen Yadav's Victory



KISHORE VADDEPALLI, UPPAL, November 3 (Indian Chronicle): "Uppal Constituency Congress Party In-Charge Mandumula Parameshwar Reddy has been actively

campaigning for Congress candidate Naveen Yadav's victory in the Jubilee Hills by-election. "On Monday evening, Parameshwar Reddy conducted an extensive campaign in Rehmat Nagar and surrounding areas within the Jubilee Hills constituency. He expressed confidence that the development and welfare programs initiated by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will ensure Naveen Yadav's win. "Reddy noted that all surveys are showing a clear trend in favor of Naveen Yadav's victory, adding that this win will mark a new era for the Congress Party in Greater Hyderabad. He also mentioned that the public response to his campaign has been overwhelmingly positive. "Participating in the campaign were Lingampalli Ramakrishna (Uppal A Block SC Cell President), Kapra Sai Goud (Mallapur Division President), Jameela Begum, Parvathalu, Nuthula Kanti Raju, Muthyala Babu, Balaraj, Fasi Duddin, Manohar, Upender Reddy, and Jani, among others.

BRS Party and Student Wing (BRSV) fully support the bandh called by college owners today



Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District General Secretary Jakkinages""(Mandava Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri

District Bureau... Indian Chronicle.. November 3):- Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District General Secretary Jakkinages stated that the BRS Party Student Wing (BRSV) is fully supporting the bandh called by college owners today. He said that the students and their parents are facing a lot of trouble due to the Congress government not releasing the fee reimbursement of Rs 8500 crore to about 15 lakh students. He said that the Congress government in the state is acting in a biased manner against SC, ST and BC students and is messing with the lives of students like never before in the last ten years. He said that on behalf of BRSV, we are demanding that the government reconsider and release the dues." He said that they cheated educational institutions by promising to set up a green channel and pay them. He said that since the government did not pay the reimbursement, the students took the properties as collateral for the TC certificates. "He said that since the reimbursement funds were not released from the government, the managements brought money in finance and paid the salaries of the employees."1.5 lakh staff working in private educational institutions are facing difficulties"Therefore, he demanded that the government release the fee reimbursement funds keeping in mind the future of the students.

As part of the Laksha Deepotsavam celebrations, the Kalyana Mahotsavam of Sri Siddhi Buddhi Sahita Sri Vighneshwara Swamy was held in a grand and spectacular manner."



"KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 3 (Indian Chronicle):""Under the auspices of the Uppal Bhagayat Welfare Association, the Laksha Deepotsavam program

was organized at the Bhagayat Association Community Hall premises. On the second day, the event began with Deepaaradhana (lighting of lamps) and continued with the divine Kalyana Mahotsavam (celestial wedding) of Sri Siddhi Buddhi Sahita Sri Vighneshwara Swamy, which was celebrated as a visual feast for devotees. "Association President Sri Mekala Madhusudan Reddy and his spouse participated in the ceremony. Following this, Rudrabhishekam, Bhasma Lingarchana, and Maha Mangala Harathi were performed with devotion. Later, devotees, both children and adults, immersed themselves in the devotional atmosphere by singing bhakti songs glorifying Lord Parameshwara. "A large number of Bhagayath residents, members of the Welfare Association, and women devotees participated in the event, received Swamy's Tirtha Prasadam, and sought the divine blessings of the deity.

Mallapur Prisedent Leads Door-to-Door Campaign in Rehmat Nagar for Congress Candidate Naveen Yadav's Victory"

""Nacharam, Indian Chronicle, November 3: "" part of the ongoing Jubilee Hills by-election campaign, a massive door-to-door campaign was organized in Rehmat Nagar Division in support of Congress candidate Naveen Yadav. Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy and senior Congress leader Mallareddy Ram Reddy actively participated, interacting with residents and appealing to them to vote for the Congress party to ensure development and welfare-oriented governance. "Uppal Constituency Congress Party In-charge Parameshwar Reddy also took part in the campaign, emphasizing the importance of electing leaders committed to public service. "Mallapur Congress Party President Kappara Sai Kiran Goud, along with senior leaders Jamila Begum, Parvathalu, Faseedunn, Manohar, Jani Bhai, Upender Reddy, Sameer, Vinay, and several local Congress activists joined the campaign, visiting every household and explaining the Congress government's welfare schemes and the development vision of the party. "The campaign witnessed an enthusiastic response from the local residents, who assured their full support for Congress candidate Naveen Yadav in the upcoming by-election.

O Mahatma, Awaken the Government's Conscience



"Chittimalla Mahendar, Karimnagar Bureau, November 03, INDIAN CHRONICLE""Members of the BC Yuvajana Sangham submitted a representation before the statue of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule located opposite the main

gate of Satavahana University in Karimnagar, urging the government to immediately release the pending Fee Reimbursement dues. "Speaking on the occasion, BC Welfare Association State General Secretary K.C. Peddi Sridhar Raj and BC Yuvajana Sangham District President Narsingoju Srinivas said that students have been facing severe hardships for the past four years due to the government's failure to release the pending fee reimbursement funds. "They recalled that in 2008, then Chief Minister Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhar Reddy introduced the Scholarship and Fee Reimbursement

Scheme after R. Krishnaiah, National President of the BC Welfare Association, fought relentlessly for 20 years and undertook a five-day indefinite hunger strike to convince the government. The scheme enabled lakhs of poor and backward-class students to pursue higher education and establish themselves in various professional fields. The leaders alleged that both the previous and the present Congress government have neglected this vital welfare scheme, weakening its implementation and jeopardizing the future of countless students from economically weaker sections. ue to the non-release of funds, college managements are reportedly shifting the financial burden onto students and their parents, causing immense distress. "They further pointed out that many college managements are unable to pay salaries to teaching staff because of the delay, leading several institutions to shut down. The leaders demanded the immediate release of all pending fee reimbursement dues, warning that continued negligence would gravely impact students' futures and the education sector as a whole. District Convener Miyapuram Ravindra Chary, District Secretary Lingampalli Srinivas, and several BC Association leaders participated in the program.

THIMMAIAH GARI SUBASH REDDY GOD OF THE MASESS

"""Thimmaiya Gari Subhash Reddy Nizamabad, Kamareddy, Medak district is an unintroduced name, Subhash Reddy is credited with making the poor students as sons of Saraswati, Abhinava Karna who did many charities from his own funds as if there was any danger to the poor people, a humanitarian who built a house with his own money when the poor people's huts were burnt recently, in his own town for his son's wedding, and Nigarvi, who went door to door in his adopted village and gave an invitation letter, today's leaders who have won votes by making false promises, should learn from Subhash Reddy, people wish him luck to have such a great humanitarian in Kamareddy district, people are praising him as a boneless hand in the helping.



Parameshwar Reddy Campaigns for the Victory of Naveen Yadav



""Nacharam, Indain Chronicle, November 3: "" As part of the Jubilee Hills by-election, Uppal Constituency Congress Party Incharge Mandumula Yadav."On Parameshwar Reddy has been extensively campaigning for the victory of Congress candidate Naveen

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Yadav. "On Monday evening, Parameshwar Reddy conducted a door-todoor campaign in Rehmat Nagar and surrounding ar-

eas of the Jubilee Hills constituency."Speaking on the occasion, Parameshwar Reddy expressed confidence that the development and welfare programs initiated by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy would ensure the victory of Congress candidate Naveen Yadav in the by-election. "Several Congress leaders and activists participated in the campaign, including Uppal A-Block SC Cell President Lingampalli Ramakrishna, Mallapur Division President Kapra Sai Kiran Goud, Jamila Begum,

Doctors..staff..should work to provide better medical services at Bibinagar AIIMS

Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy"



"*MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy visited Bibinagar AIIMS" (Mandava Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle.. November 3):- Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy said that the state government under the leadership of CM Revanth Reddy will sanction crores of rupees in funds to provide better medical services to the people. As part of this, on Monday, Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, a member of the Governing Council of the All India Institutes of Medical Sciences

(AIIMS) in Bibinagar, Telangana, visited and reviewed with the contractor related to NCC and representatives of the company Heights, which is supervising the buildings, and set a deadline for completing these works as soon as possible. They should strive to provide better healthcare to the people as a result of development programs. They were also advised to be transparent in recruitment and give more preference to locals in such jobs. On this occasion, he said that the government has sanctioned more funds to provide better healthcare to every hospital in the Bhuvanagiri Parliament constituency, and the relevant staff and medical officers should be available to provide better medical facilities to the poor. He clearly stated that the government is giving priority to education and healthcare, and the credit for providing all facilities to the poor goes to the state Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Earlier, he congratulated Dr. Amita Agarwal, who took charge as the new AIIMS Director. AMS Director Hon'ble MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy requested, 1. Fire station, 2. All buses to be stopped at AIIMS Bibinagar, 3. Special bus from Uppal to AIIMS Bibinagar. MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy responded positively to this and spoke to the officials.

Uppal MLA Bandari Laxma Reddy Inaugurates 40 Lakh CC Road at Sri Sai Shiva Nagar

"""NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Kapra, November 03, (INDIAN Uppal MLA Bandari Laxma Reddy inaugurated the newly constructed CC road at Sri Sai Shiva Nagar (RTC Colony) in Kapra Division. The road was built at an estimated cost of ?40 lakh. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said he would make every effort to resolve the issues brought to his attention and assured that he is committed to the overall development of the constituency. BRS leaders Bairy Naveen Goud, Sri Sai Shiva Nagar Colony President and Kapra Division 1 BC Cell President Ushkamalla Srinivas, General Secretary T. Pavan, committee members, colony residents, NRI Colony General Secretary Nampally Ravi, Sai Suma Enclave President Bhushan Reddy, Sindhura Colony President Chandra Reddy, Gourinadhapuram President Krishna Reddy, along



with several BRS leaders, activists, and locals participated nathe program

Complaint to Collector Against Wine Shop in Satyanarayana Colony



"Locals protest setting up liquor outlet near school and hospital"Former ex Chairman Chandra Reddy warns of large-scale protest if illegal construction continues""NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, November 03, (INDIAN CHRONICLE):""Residents of Satyanarayana Colony under Nagaram Municipality have lodged a complaint with the District Collector demanding the immediate stoppage of illegal construction for a new wine above in their processorial former Chairman Kaukuntle

Chandra Reddy. Speaking to the media, Chandra Reddy stated that the proposed wine shop is being set up close to a school and a hospital, which is against public safety norms. Locals, especially women, have already staged a protest demanding that the permission for the shop be revoked and the location be shifted. BJP MLA contestant Sudarshan Reddy, former councillor Srinivas Goud, BJP President Kondaboyina Nagaraju, Satyanarayana Colony President Madhusudan Reddy, Annam Raju Srinivas, Nagaraju Reddya Naik, Karunakar Reddy, Pundarikam, Naresh, and Venkateshwara Rao were among those who participated in the protest along with hundreds of residents and women Chandra Reddy warned that if the illegal construction is not stopped immediately, the residents around 400 families will stage a continuous sit-in protest at the site from tomorrow. The locals declared that they would not leave the place until the proposed wine shop construction is completely halted. The protest witnessed massive participation from colony residents, local leaders, and women demanding action from

Telangana Rythu Parirakshana Samithi Holds Annadanam at Collector's Office

"NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal -Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, November 03, (INDIAN CHRONICLE): Under the initiative of the Telangana Rythu Parirakshana Samithi, an Annadanam (food donation) program was organized on Monday at the Collector's Office. The program aimed to provide food and basic support to those visiting the office for their grievances. Speaking on the occasion, the association president Indrapala Bhavani said the initiative was launched to help farmers, workers, and the general public who come to the Collectorate daily to meet officials regarding their issues. Inspired by Bharat Ratna awardee and father of the Green Revolution, Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, the organization decided to conduct the Rythu Annadanam program as an act of humanitarian service. She mentioned that food was served to around 100 people during the event. Bhavani added that if more donors come forward to contribute, the organization will be able to extend the service to a larger number of people. The organization's general secretary, Indrapala Satyanarayana, said Annadanam is considered the great-



est of all donations and urged everyone to participate in such noble activities. He requested those willing to contribute to the cause to contact 9032088236. Telangana Rythu Parirakshana Samithi district leaders Panthula Srinivas, Dawath Arun Kumar, Naresh, Ambala Vishnu, Rehman, and Mallesh also participated in the program.

Preparatory Meeting Held for KTR's November 4 Roadshow in Somajiguda Division



""NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, November 03, (INDIAN CHRONICLE): "A review meeting was held at former minister Sabitha Indra Reddy's residence in Srinagar Colony, Somajiguda Division, Hyderabad, to discuss arrangements for the upcoming roadshow of BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao scheduled for November 4. The meeting focused on key aspects including the roadshow route map, public mobilization, campaign activities, and volunteer co-

ordination. The leaders decided to ensure a massive public turnout and make the event a grand success. Uppal MLA Bandari Laxma Reddy, Malkajgiri MLA Marri Rajasekhar Reddy, MLC Naveen Reddy, former MLA Rohit Reddy, Legal Cell in-charge Deepthi, and several BRS leaders participated in the review meeting.

Former Uppal MLA Prabhakar and his wife Shailaja Nuthalapati seek blessings from Sri Sri Sri Vidushekhara Bharati Swamiji

""KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 3 (Indian Chronicle):""On the occasion of the Kumbhabhishekam at Sri Vijaya Ganapati Temple in Sainikpuri on Monday, former Uppal MLA N.V.S.S. Prabhakar and his wife Shailaja Nuthalapati met Sri Sri Sri Vidushekhara Bharati Swamiji, the head of the Sringeri Peetham, and received his special blessings.

Rachakonda CP Sudheer Babu Felicitates CI Chandrababu for Winning Union Home Minister's Dakshata Pathak Award



"NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, November 03, (INDIAN CHRONICLE): "Rachakonda Police Commissioner G. Sudheer Babu, IPS, felicitated Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri Rural CI Chandrababu Nagari at the CP Office in Neredmet for receiving the prestigious Union Home Minister's Dakshata Pathak Award. Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner appreciated Chandrababu's dedication and urged him to continue his good work and bring more such honors to the Rachakonda Commissionerate. CI Chandrababu was selected for the award for his distinguished service among police officers across the country. The Dakshata Pathak

awards, announced by the Ministry of Home Affairs on the occasion of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Jayanti (October 31, 2025), recognize excellence in four categories Special Operations, Investigation, Intelligence, and Forensic Science. Earlier, these four categories were presented as separate awards Special Operation Medal, Union Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation, Asadharan Asoochana Kushalta Pathak, and Union Minister's Award for Meritorious Service in Forensic Science. However, in February 2024, the Ministry decided to merge them under a single title, Dakshata Pathak Award.

This year, the Government of India honored a total of 1,466 police personnel, ranging from constables to IG-rank officers, for their outstanding performance. Among them were officers from the Jammu and Kashmir Police who took part in Operation Mahadev, a joint counter-terrorism operation carried out by the Indian Army, security forces, and J&K Police in Pahalgam. From Telangana, the officers selected for the award include: 1. Chandrababu Nagari, CI, Bhuvanagiri Rural (Rachakonda), 2. Upender Rao Jala, Inspector, Cyberabad, 3. Tirupati Vasala, Inspector, Cyberabad, 3. Tirupati Vasala, Inspector, CI Cell. They were recognized for their exceptional contributions to criminal investigation. Additionally, two Head Constables from the CI Cell, A. Laxman Rao and G. Jacob, were selected for the award under the Special Operations category.

Telangana Pradesh Congress Mahila Vice President Chintala Nirmala Reddy Participates in Election Campaign



"""NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Boduppal, November 03, (INDIAN CHRONICLE): Congress Mahila Vice President of

Telangana, Chintala Nirmala Reddy, joined the election campaign in Venkata Reddy Nagar along with young Congress leader and Jubilee Hills by-election candidate Naveen Yadav. As part of the campaign, she interacted warmly with local residents during the door-to-door visits and appealed to them to support Naveen Yadav in the upcoming by-election scheduled for November 11, 2025. She urged voters to cast their valuable votes for the Congress symbol "Hand" and ensure a massive victory. Later, addressing a press meet, she spoke about the various welfare schemes and development programs being implemented by the Congress party. She also highlighted initiatives such as free bus travel for women and other public welfare measures. Several Jubilee Hills constituency leaders, supporters, and party workers participated in the program

Parameshwar Reddy Participates in Election Campaign at Rahmath Nagar Division Along with Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy"

""KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 3 (Indian Chronicle): """As part of the Jubilee Hills by-election campaign, Uppal Constituency Congress Party In-Charge Mandamula Parameshwar Reddy participated in a door-todoor campaign on Monday at Rahmath Nagar Division along with Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, in support of Congress candidate Naveen Yadav's victory. On this Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy stat Naveen Yadav's victory in the Jubilee Hills by-election is almost certain. He expressed anger that the BRS groups are resorting to false propaganda against Naveen Yadav as they are aware of his imminent win. "Later, Parameshwar Reddy said that all the surveys are indicating Naveen Yadav's victory, and keeping this in mind, TRS (BRS) party groups are fabricating stories and spreading misinformation. He mentioned that the public response to their weeklong campaign in Rahmath Nagar Division has been very



encouraging. "Several Congress leaders, including Mall Reddy Ram Reddy, GHMC Floor Leader Darpalli Rajasekhar Reddy, party workers, and a large number of women participated in the campaign.

Officials should take strict steps to ensure that fish fry reach the ponds:- State Animal Husbandry Minister Srihari in video conference



"(Manduva Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle.. November 3):- State Animal Husbandry Minister Varyulu Vakati Srihari has instructed the concerned officials to take strict steps to ensure that fish fry reach the ponds. State Animal Husbandry Minister Varyulu Vakati Srihari held a review with the district collectors on the fisheries department through video conference from Hyderabad on Monday. The minister made several suggestions to the officials who conducted the review on issues such as finalizing fish distribution tenders, appointing officials of other departments to supervise fish distribution, preparing an action plan and other issues. Speaking on the occasion, State Animal Husbandry Minister Varyulu Vakati Srihari said that the government has decided to distribute 83 crore fish fry and 10 crore shrimp fry in 26,357 water bodies by spending Rs 122 crore 22 lakhs. The minister said that the fish distribution program has already been delayed and that the release of fish and shrimp fry in water bodies should be completed as per the target set by November 20. He said that many districts are lagging behind in the implementation of the fish distribution program and that the collectors should pay special attention and com-

plete the fish fry release program in water bodies at the

earliest. He said that good results can be achieved only if fish are released in water bodies at the present time. He said that the Fisheries Department officer should carefully record the details of the fish fry, the details of the suppliers, and the vehicle transporting the fish fry in the T-Matsya app. He said that the fish fry distribution program will be conducted in complete transparency. He said that a board should be set up so that the details of how many fish fry are being released near each water body are known. The minister suggested that the fishermen will face difficulties as the fish fry program is delayed, and the authorities should keep that issue in mind. He said that it will be very crucial for the next 18 days. The minister ordered that this pro-

Adivasi Kolavaar Sangam Meeting At Kagaznagar Mandal Center"

""Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad, District Reporte, Jade Srinivas. November, 03""An important meeting of the Adivasi Kolawar Welfare Association was held at the Kagaz Nagar Mandal



Center of Komaram Bheem district. In this meeting held on Sunday, the Adivasi Kolawar leaders discussed their problems, especially the so-

lution to the PVTG problem at length. It was decided to submit a memorandum explaining their problems to the political leaders of Komaram Bheem and Sirpur constituencies, beyond politics. Also, they called for the 26th Adivasi Kolawar Formation Day and Flag Festival to be held on January 8, 2026, to be celebrated grandly at the village and mandal levels.

Officials should check the moisture content of the grain regularly and buy it immediately:



Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao""(Mandava Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bu-

reau... Indian Chronicle.. November 3):- Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao said that officials should check the moisture content of the grain regularly and buy it immediately. "The District Collector conducted a surprise inspection of the IKP grain purchase center in Cholleru village of Yadagirigutta mandal on Monday. "Speaking to the farmers on this occasion, the District Collector asked them how many acres they had sown. He advised the farmers to cover the grain heaps with tarpaulins and tie fences around them to protect them so that farmers do not face any problems due to untimely rains due to changes in the weather. "The administrators were instructed to check the moisture content every morning and evening and immediately buy it at night, if possible. He said that lorries should be made available to transport the purchased grain to the mills. He instructed the central administrators to complete the tab entries on time. "The concerned officials participated

Kemunduran itu ditinggalkan lalu diduduki lagi.""Gangguan lalu lintas di Tarnaka""

Indian Chronicle Tarnaka OU November 03: Seorang pengembang gedung bertingkat (komersial) di Jalan Tarnaka No. 3 telah merambah jalan CC di kedua sisi gedungnya. Ia telah membuat pengaturan seperti pagar untuk menanam pohon dan juga membangun jalur landai di jalan tersebut. Hal ini menjadi masalah bagi pergerakan penduduk koloni. Saya""Saat memberikan izin pembangunan gedung bertingkat, pejabat GHMC memberikan izin dengan aturan bahwa area setback harus dibiarkan. Setelah bangunan selesai, aturan tersebut dipatuhi hingga sertifikat hunian (OC) yang relevan diterima. Setelah OC diterima, area yang dibiarkan untuk setback juga direklamasi dan konstruksi dilakukan di atasnya. Hal ini telah menjadi norma bagi penghuni apartemen, terutama di Tarnaka.""Akibat kurangnya pengawasan dari pihak berwenang yang memberikan izin mendirikan bangunan, sebagian besar penghuni apartemen di Tarnaka melanggar



batas jalan dan membangun jalur landai serta tangga. Akibatnya, jalan-jalan di kompleks perumahan menjadi sempit. Hal ini menjadi masalah lalu lintas dan warga Tarnaka menuntut agar pihak berwenang mengambil tindakan yang tepat terkait hal ini.

Division General Secretary Thanda Vasudev Goud Felicitates the Newly Formed Temple Committee



"Nacharam, Indain Chronicale, November 03: """A new temple committee has been formed under the auspices of the Nandeeshwara Temple Committee at Mallapur Division, Old Village. In this newly constituted committee, P.G. Sudarshan took charge as President, Koyalakonda Rajesh as General Secretary, Potlacheruvu Krishna as Treasurer, and Thota Naveen Goud as Vice President. "On this occasion, BRS Division General Secretary Thanda Vasudev Goud felicitated the newly elected committee members and conveyed his best wishes to them. "Speaking at the event, Vasudev Goud assured his full support and contribution towards the development of the temple. "The program was attended by Temple Committee Chief Advisor Nemali Ravi Kumar, Congress leaders Nemali Anil Kumar, Bhamini Anantha Ram, Srihari Goud, Pailla Praveen, and committee members Mallesh, Nemali Sravan, Ganesh, Tandra Srikanth Reddy, along with Chief Priest Manoj.

Farmer Commits Suicide After Consuming Pesticide

""Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad,District Reporte, Jade Srinivas. November, 03. ""Wankidi The cotton farmer, who had worked hard for six seasons, committed suicide after consuming pesticide due to untimely rains. Sudhakar (34) committed suicide by consuming pesticide in despair in Mandokar Wada, Wankidi. According to the report of SI Durgam Mahender, the details are as follows. Sudhakar's family said that he planted cotton and kandi crops in the field along with the cotton crop. He said that he committed suicide by consuming pesticide due to the grief that his investment had not yielded any results. The family members who noticed him immediately rushed him to the Wankidi Government Hospital, but he died on the way, said the SI. A case has been registered and an investigation is underway based on the complaint of his wife Bootle Sangeetha. They said that the farmer committed suicide because he was worried that he could not repay his debts. Their grief is increasing due to the death of a family member. The villagers want the government to support the



farmer's family. The deceased farmer was named Bootle

Veteran Prof.Dr. A. Varada Rajulu Among World's Top 2% Scientists for Fifth Consecutive Year



"Indian Chronicle Tarnaka OU November 03:Dr. Anumakonda Varada Rajulu, retired professor from Sri Krishnadevaraya Uni-versity, Anantapur, continues to make outstanding contributions to scientific research even at the age of 75. After an illustrious 33-year career in teaching and research, Dr. Rajulu retired in 2010 but remains deeply com-mitted to advancing science. His passion for discovery led him to continue his research as a UGC Emeritus Fellow, during which he focused on environ-mentally friendly plastics at Sri Krishnadevaraya University. Later, he was appointed as a CSIR Emeritus Scientist at the Department of Physics,Osmania University, Hyderabad, where he conducted extensive studies on nanocomposites and their ad-

vanced applications. Over his career, Dr. Rajulu has pub-

lished 253 research papers in reputed international journals and has been awarded four patents for his innovative work on nanocomposites two in India and two in Thailand underscor-ing the global recognition of his scientific contributions. In ac-knowledgment of his excep-tional research impact, Stanford University, USA, has listed Dr. Rajulu among the Top 2% Sci-entists of the World for five consecutive years, marking a rare and prestigious honor for

Uppal MLA, MLC Seek Support from Former ex Corporator Atluri Vijayalakshmi for Sunitha Gopinath's Victory"

"NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, November 03, (INDIAN CHRONICLE): Uppal MLA Bandari Laxma Reddy, MLC Naveen Reddy, and former ex corporator Mahesh Yadav met former Somajiguda ex corporator Atluri Vijayalakshmi at her residence. They requested her to actively work for the victory of Maganti Sunitha Gopinath in the upcoming elections. Responding positively, Vijayalakshmi assured that she would extend her full support and make every effort for Sunitha win. Mallapur Division Corporator Devender Reddy, Meerpet Housing Board Division Corporator Prabhudas, BRS state leaders Sai Jen Shekhar, Pilli Nagaraju, Raheem, and others were present.

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What's being discussed in the next phase of Trump's Gaza ceasefire plan



CAIRO, GNS News Agency, Nov 3 - Gaza mediators -- the United States, Egypt and Qatar -- stepped up their efforts this week to stabilise the early stages of the truce between Israel and Hamas and to push forward U.S. President Donald Trump's 20-point ceasefire plan.

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF TALKS?

A Hamas delegation led by the group's exiled Gaza chief, Khalil Al-Hayya, has been in Cairo for talks with Egypt since Saturday. The Reuters Daily Briefing newsletter provides all the news you need to start your day. Sign up here.U.S. Vice President JD Vance is in Israel on Tuesday after envoys Steven Witkoff and Jared Kushner met Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday. Egyptian officials have also met Netanyahu. The first phase of the ceasefire involved stopping fighting, returning hostages, increasing aid flows and a partial pull-back of Israeli forces to a "yellow line".

WHAT HAS EACH SIDE DONE UNDER THE

Israel's forces have pulled back from some parts of Gaza, but around half of the strip remains under Israeli control. On Monday, the military said it began marking the withdrawal line, warning Hamas and residents to stay away.Hamas has released all 20 living hostages it was holding and 13 bodies, leaving 15 deceased hostages still in Gaza. Hamas says rubble and other factors may complicate the retrieval of a number of bodies. Israel believes Hamas can quickly return around five more bodies and is stalling. An international task force is meant to locate the rest.Israel has released around 2,000 Palestinians, including 250 long-serving inmates, but vetoed the release of some prominent militant leaders. It has returned 165 bodies of Palestinians to Gaza. Israel has also facilitated the entry of more aid trucks through two crossings into Gaza, but UN and Palestinian officials said it remains far from sufficient.

WHAT PROBLEMS HAVE HIT THE TRUCE AL-

There have been continued flashes of violence, particularly around the "yellow line" demarcating Israel's partial pullback inside Gaza. Israel began marking out the line on Monday with yellow concrete blocks after repeated incidents of shootings. Israel says it has fired at suspected militants crossing the line. Gaza residents say it has not been clear where the line runs. On Sunday, Palestinian militants killed two Israeli soldiers in Bafah, Israel responded with airstrikes that Gaza health authorities said killed 28 people. Hamas and Israel later recommitted to the truce.Inside Gaza, Hamas has reimposed control, killing members of rival groups and those it accuses of collaborating with Israel. Trump signalled his endorsement of that but the U.S. military has said it must stop. Hamas has said aid is flowing in too slowly. Israel says it is sticking to agreements. The Rafah border crossing from Egypt to Gaza is also meant to reopen but has not yet done so.

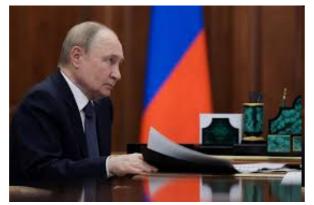
WHAT'S BEING DISCUSSED FOR THE COMING

A U.S.-backed stabilisation force is meant to ensure security in Gaza. Its composition, role, chain of command, legal status and other issues are yet to be agreed. The United States has agreed to provide up to 200 troops to support the force without being deployed in Gaza itself. U.S. officials have said they are also speaking to Indonesia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Qatar, Turkey and Azerbaijan to contribute. Trump wants Hamas and other factions to disarm and Gaza to be demilitarised. The group has never accepted this and says mediators have not yet officially started discussing the issue with it. Gaza is to be governed by a transitional committee of apolitical Palestinian technocrats. The composition of this body has not been agreed. Hamas has accepted the formation of this body, but says it would have a role in approving it. The panel would be supervised by a new international transitional body called the "Board of Peace" headed by Trump. Its formation, and the possible inclusion of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, is still to be agreed. Hamas wants employees of the existing Gaza government it has run since 2007 to stay in their jobs. Israel says Hamas can have no role. The phasing of further Israeli pull-backs is yet to be agreed, and will depend partly on Israel's own assessment of how much of a threat Hamas still poses. Hamas says the war will only end when Israel has fully withdrawn. The Trump plan calls for the Palestinian Authority to be reformed. It is not clear what this would involve or what role it would take in future. The plan says the truce could ultimately create the conditions for a credible pathway to Palestinian self-determination. Netanyahu has so far refused to accept the possibility of a

Poland warns Russia's Putin against crossing its airspace for Trump summit

WARSAW, GNS News Agency, Nov 3 - Poland warned Russia's President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday against travelling through its airspace for a summit in Hungary with U.S. President Donald Trump, saying it could be forced to execute an international arrest warrant if he did.Bulgaria, however, would be willing to let Putin use its airspace if the summit is held in Hungary, Foreign Minister Georg Georgiev was quoted as saying. The Reuters Daily Briefing newsletter provides all the news you need to start your day. Sign up here. Trump said last week he planned to meet Putin in Budapest as he tries to broker an end to Russia's war in Ukraine.

The International Criminal Court has issued an arrest warrant against Putin, accusing him of illegally deporting hundreds of children from Ukraine. Russia does not recognise the ICC's jurisdiction and denies the allegations."I cannot guarantee that an independent Polish court won't order the government to escort such an aircraft down to hand the suspect to the court in The Hague," Poland's Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski told Radio Rodzina. The ICC warrant obligates the court's member states to arrest Putin if he sets foot on their territory."And, therefore, if this summit is to take place, hopefully with the participation of the victim of the aggression, the aircraft will use a different route," Sikorski said. Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban maintains warmer relations with Russia than other European Union member states. Budapest has said it would



ensure Putin can enter Hungary for the summit and return home afterwards. To avoid travelling over Ukraine, Russia's delegation would need to fly through at least one EU country's airspace. All EU states are members of the ICC but Hungary is in the process of leaving. Georgiev indicated Bulgaria would be ready to let Putin use its airspace if it might help secure peace in Ukraine."If the condition for this is to have a meeting, it is most logical for such a meeting to be mediated in every possible way," Bulgarian News Agency BTA quoted Georgiev as saying. Bulgaria's foreign ministry said it had not yet received any air travel request

Russia says its terms for Ukraine peace unchanged since August summit

MOSCOW, GNS News Agency, Nov 3- Russia said on Tuesday its conditions for peace in Ukraine remained unchanged since the August summit between U.S. President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin, and that it was unclear when their next meeting would take place. Trump has repeatedly said he wants to end the war in Ukraine, Europe's deadliest since World War Two, though he has said that finding peace has been harder than reaching a ceasefire in Gaza or ending conflict between India and Pakistan. The Reuters Daily Briefing newsletter provides all the news you need to start your day. Sign up here. After speaking to Putin on October 16, Trump said U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov would meet this week ahead of a possible summit in Budapest within two weeks. Moscow gave no timings.Lavrov told reporters he was surprised by an "unscrupulous" CNN report which said that the anticipated Rubio-Lavrov meeting had been put on hold for the time being and that unidentified U.S. officials felt that Russia still had a "maximalist stance".

"I want to officially confirm: Russia has not changed its position compared to the understandings that were reached during the Alaska summit," Lavrov told reporters, adding that he had told Rubio precisely that Lavrov said that the place and the timing of the next Trump-Putin summit was less important than the substance of implementing the understandings reached in Anchorage, Alaska. The Kremlin said there was no clear date. "Listen, we have an understanding of the presidents, but we cannot postpone what has not been finalised," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said. "Neither President Trump nor President Putin gave exact dates."Lavrov said the war's root causes had to be addressed otherwise there would be no enduring peace of the kind that Trump sought.

Putin's foreign minister of more than 21 years dismissed European demands to simply halt the war without any deeper understanding of how to address those root causes. The Kremlin's conditions for long-lasting peace in-



cluded that Ukraine would remain non-nuclear and nonaligned - not joining the U.S.-led NATO alliance - as well as protections for Russian-speakers in Ukraine. One of Putin's most important conditions for ending the war is a demand that Western leaders pledge in writing to stop enlarging NATO eastwards. NATO says it is up to individual countries whether they want to join the alliance.

Putin, who ordered Russian troops into Ukraine in February 2022 after eight years of fighting in the country's east between Russian-backed separatists and Ukrainian government forces, has repeatedly said he is ready to talk about peace. Ukraine and its European allies have long insisted on an immediate ceasefire in Ukraine at current battle lines before peace talks, a stance Trump publicly endorsed last Friday after a meeting with President Volodymyr Zelenskiy at the White House. Moscow has said it wants Ukraine to cede more territory as one of several conditions it has raised for a ceasefire. Additional reporting by Gnaneshwar Rajan and Devika Nair in Bengaluru and Lidia Kelly in Melbourne; Writing by Guy Faulconbridge in Moscow; editing by Mark Trevelyan and Mark Heinrich

Slovak PM Fico's attacker convicted of terrorism, jailed for 21 years



BANSKA BYSTRICA, GNS News Agency, Nov 3Slovakia, A Slovak court ruled on Tuesday that a man who shot and wounded Prime Minister Robert Fico last year was guilty of terrorism charges and handed him a 21-year jail sentence. Juraj Cintula, 72, shot at Fico five times from just over a one-metre distance as the prime minister greeted people in the central Slovak town of Handlova in May 2024. The Reuters Daily Briefing newsletter provides all the news you need to start your day. Sign up here.

The verdict of the Specialised Criminal Court in the city of Banska Bystrica closes a trial that began in July and whose main question was whether Cintula, who admitted shooting Fico, was guilty of terrorism or less serious crimes of murder or attack. Fico, 61, was struck four times and was seriously injured in his abdomen, and also suffered injuries to his hip, hand and foot. He made his first public appearance in July last year, a few months after the attack and returned to work shortly after.DEEP DIVISIONS IN SLO-VAK SOCIETY

Cintula appeared in court in a blue shirt and black

hooded sweatshirt, accompanied by guards with automatic weapons. He has said he wanted to hurt but not kill Fico, because he wanted to stop him from continuing his policies which he said damaged Slovak freedom and culture. Cintula told reporters when leaving court on Tuesday he would "for sure" appeal the verdict. "It was unjust," he said. The shooting laid bare deep divisions in Slovak society, and animosity between the populist Fico and the opposition. Fico, who has held power for 11 years over three stints since 2006, has blamed the mostly liberal, pro-EU opposition for fostering a climate of anger that led to the shooting.

The opposition accuses Fico of eroding democratic standards, media freedom, and covering up corruption. Judge Igor Kralik cited Cintula's own reasoning for the attack when reading his justification for the terrorism count."The court considers proven that the defendant did not attack a citizen but specifically the prime minister," Kralik said. The sentence was less than the maximum of life in prison. The defence counsel for Cintula, a pensioner and former mine worker, stonemason, writer and public activist, argued that not every attack on an official was terrorism. It had sought a lesser sentence for an attack on a pub-

FICO HAS SOUGHT BETTER TIES WITH MOSCOWDavid Lindtner, a lawyer for Fico, said it was clear that the defendant was "no pensioner but a terrorist" who wanted to set a precedent that "political confrontation should be resolved by violent means". Fico returned to power in 2023 and ended state military assistance to Ukraine, sought better ties with Moscow, overhauled the public broadcaster and introduced some new criminal codes - changes critics say hurt democracy. Cintula has said he opposed the prime minister's policies on Ukraine, media and culture and at his trial described the attack as a "scream against fear that is

EU weighs ban on ethanol used in hand sanitisers over cancer fears, FT reports

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- The EU is weighing a ban on the usage of ethanol as an active ingredient in biocidal products, including hand sanitizers, over increasing risks of cancer, the Financial Times reported on Tuesday. An internal recommendation on October 10 by one of the working groups within the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) flagged ethanol as a toxic substance, which increased the risk of cancer and pregnancy complications and needed to be replaced in cleaning and other products, the FT said. Keep up with the latest medical breakthroughs and healthcare trends with the Reuters Health Rounds newsletter. Sign up here. The ECHA's Biocidal Products Committee is set to meet between November 25 and November 28. The ECHA told Reuters in an emailed statement that the regulator was currently assessing ethanol for biocidal use. The regulator said if its expert committee concluded that ethanol had the potential to cause cancer or harm human reproduction, it would recommend its substitution. It added that assessments were



still ongoing and no conclusions had been made. The final decision will be taken by the European Commission following the committee's scientific opinion. The World Health Organization classifies both ethanol and isopropanol as safe to use for hand hygiene.

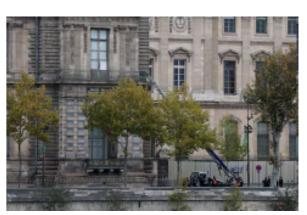
French police may nab Louvre thieves but unlikely to recover their loot

PARIS, GNS News Agency, Nov 3- Crime gangs around Europe are increasingly robbing valuable jewels and gold from cash-needy museums like the Louvre, but while police often catch the thieves, they struggle to recover the priceless goods, law enforcement and art experts say. Only a small pool of criminals would be capable of such a job as Sunday's audacious robbery in Paris and may already be known to police, the specialists say. But the objects themselves could be quickly broken down into component parts

The Reuters Daily Briefing newsletter provides all the news you need to start your day. Sign up here."If I steal a Van Gogh, it's a Van Gogh. I can't dispose of it through any other channel than an illicit art market," said Marc Balcells, a Barcelona-based expert in crimes against cultural heritage. "But when I am stealing ... jewellery, I can move it through an illicit market as precious stones."The brazen heist of crown jewels from the Louvre, the world's most visited museum, has been decried by some as a national humiliation and sparked security checks across France's multitude of cultural sites." If you target the Louvre, the most important museum in the world, and then get away with the French crown jewels, something was wrong with security," said art investigator Arthur Brand. Officials at the Louvre, home to artworks such as the Mona Lisa, had in fact already sounded the alarm about lack of investment. And at least four French museums have been robbed in the last two months, according to media reports. On Tuesday, prosecutors said they had charged a Chinese-born woman for the theft of six gold nuggets worth about 1.5 million euros (\$1.75 million) from Paris's Museum of Natural History last month. She was arrested in Barcelona trying to dispose of some melted gold, they said. Christopher Marinello, founder of Art Recovery International, which tracks stolen art, said museum heists were on the rise across Europe and further afield."If you have jewels or gold in your collections, you need to be worried," Marinello said.

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Paris prosecutors have entrusted the investigation to a specialised Paris police unit known as the BRB, which is used to dealing with high-profile robberies. Former police officer Pascal Szkudlara, who served in the unit, said the BRB handled the 2016 Kim Kardashian probe, when Paris thieves stole her \$4 million engagement ring, as well as a recent spate of kidnappings of wealthy crypto bosses. He said the BRB has about 100 agents, with over a dozen specialised in museum thefts. Investigators will look at video footage, telephone records, and forensic evidence, while informants will also be activated."They can have teams working on it 24/7 and for a long period," Szkudlara said, expressing "100%" confidence the thieves would be caught. Police will be poring over security footage going back weeks, looking to identify suspicious people casing out the joint, Brand said. Corinne Chartrelle, who previously worked at the French Police's Central Office for the Fight against Trafficking in Cultural Property, said the jewels could feasibly end up in a global diamond centre like Antwerp where there "are probably people who aren't too concerned about the origin of the items. "The diamonds could also be cut into smaller stones and the gold melted down, leaving buyers unaware of their provenance. If the thieves feel the net closing, they could chuck or destroy the loot altogether. Police



are clearly in a race against time.

"Once they're been cut into smaller jewels, the deed is done. It's over. We'll never see these pieces again intact," said Marinello. "It's a very small percentage, recovering stolen artworks. When it comes to jewellery, that percentage is even less."Any theory about the objects being ordered up by a mysterious buyer was laughable, said Brand. "That's unheard of," he said. "You only see it in Hollywood movies. "Cultural authorities across Europe will be looking at how to better secure museums at a time of tight public finances. Brand said it was impossible to properly safeguard a museum, so the best thing was to slow down the time it takes to steal objects and escape, giving police longer to respond by making windows or display cases thicker, or adding more doors. "They know they have only five, six minutes to get away with it because after six minutes, the police show up. So if they go into a museum ... and they find out that it takes more than six, seven, eight minutes, they will not do it," he said. Finland's National Gallery Director General Kimmo Leva said financial realities meant tough decisions." A tightening everyday economy is, naturally, not the best basis for making the investments needed to mitigate potential threats," Leva said.

Sanae Takaichi elected Japan's first female Prime Minister

Tokyo: Sanae Takaichi was elected as Japan's next Prime Minister on Tuesday, following a runoff election in the Parliament. She is also the first woman to assume this role. The Upper House has chosen Takaichi as Japan's next Prime Minister, affirming her rise to the position. She received 125 votes in the Upper House — just one vote above the simple majority necessary for victory. Previously, she secured 237 votes in the Lower House, exceeding the reguired majority of 233. A former television anchor, Takaichi entered Japanese politics in 1993, winning a seat in the Lower House as an independent. The 64-year-old lawmaker currently represents her home prefecture of Nara. Takaichi joined Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party in 1996 and entered the Cabinet for the first time under former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. She held the position of the Minister of State for Okinawa and Northern Territories Affairs. Later, she went on to become the first woman to chair the LDP's Policy Research Council.

Can rural education stop youth migration? Rethinking opportunities beyond cities



Migration has always shaped India's social and economic landscape. For millions of young people, moving away from villages to towns and cities is not simply a matter of aspiration but often one of compulsion. Much like the protagonists of the recent Indian film Homebound, they find themselves torn between the promises of the city and the pull of home — between opportunity and belonging. While mobility is a natural feature of an evolving economy, the alarming scale and patterns of youth migration highlight deeper structural issues: the failure to generate dignified rural employment, inadequate educational linkages with jobs and uneven regional development. The Covid-19 pandemic laid bare these vulnerabilities when nearly 40 million workers were forced to return home during the first lockdown in 2020 (RBI, 2020). This mass exodus was not only a humanitarian crisis but also a reminder that rural India continues to be both a source of labour and a potential site for

According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2020-21, almost 29% of India's population were classified as migrants, with 89% originating from rural areas. Among youth, migration is especially significant: over 50% of migrants are aged between 15 and 25, suggesting that India's most productive workforce is leaving its villages. Gender patterns are sharply divided. For men, migration is predominantly work-related, while for women, 86.8% migrate due to marriage. This leads to a peculiar paradox: while women form the majority of migrants statistically, their mobility rarely translates into economic participation. Men, on the other hand, migrate largely in search of livelihoods but often end up in insecure, informal work. The economic profile of migrants shows that migration is strongly tied to poverty and marginalization. Households in the lowest Monthly Per Capita Expenditure (MPCE) groups and those dependent on casual labour are far more likely to migrate. Studies further reveal that Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) record higher migration rates, reflecting structural inequities. Education, once seen as a guaranteed escape from poverty, no longer insulates young people from migration pressures. Many who leave villages for cities carry little formal schooling, while others hold degrees that fail to translate into secure jobs. The irony is striking: while India has expanded access to higher education opportunities have not kept pace. Graduate unemployment has surged over the past decade, highlighting a growing mismatch between what education promises and what the labour market delivers. Urban centres absorb these migrants, but often under exploitative conditions. Data indicate that nearly 49% of youth migrants work as daily wage labourers and another 39% as industrial workers, mostly on shortterm or contract arrangements. India's urban workforce remains overwhelmingly informal, leaving migrants without social security, health coverage, or stable incomes. The pandemic amplified these vulnerabilities, as millions of workers were stranded without jobs or shelter. Young women were especially disadvantaged, as they were more likely to lose employment and slower to regain it compared to men (ILO, 2021). Beyond the human cost, migration exerts enormous pressure on cities. With India projected to add 416 million urban residents between 2018 and 2050 (UN World Urbanization Prospects), the strain on housing, transport,

water, sanitation, and air quality is already acute. Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru struggle with overcrowded slums, mounting waste, traffic congestion, and worsening pollution levels. Migration, therefore, becomes both a symptom and a stressor: it reveals rural distress while deepening urban crises. Yet, the Covid-19 reverse migration also revealed another possibility. Agriculture proved unexpectedly resilient during the pandemic. The Ministry of Agriculture reported a 39% increase in sown area in 2020 compared to previous years, largely because returning workers helped boost farm labour. Stories like that of Balaram Mahadev Bandagale from Raigad, Maharashtra, illustrate the potential. Once confined to a factory job in Mumbai, he returned to his village during the lockdown, used an irrigation scheme to diversify from paddy to mango orchards and today enjoys both higher income and better quality of life. Similarly, Chandrakant Pawar, who once worked odd jobs in Mumbai, returned to dairy farming in Raigad and is now the Sarpanch of his village, a symbol of reverse migration success

New ways to boos rural jobs

These experiences point to the urgent need for rethinking India's development geography. If rural and peri-urban regions are to retain their youth, they must offer viable nonfarm opportunities alongside modernized agriculture. Beyond traditional avenues like dairy, poultry and food processing, promising sectors include handicrafts, rural logistics, renewable energy services, agri-tourism and eco-tourism, rural BPOs and digital gig work.

The rise of e-commerce has opened markets for local products, whether artisanal crafts, processed foods or niche organic produce, allowing rural youth to become entrepreneurs rather than wage seekers. Government schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Start-up India and the expansion of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) provide platforms for enterprise creation, but they need greater scale, integration and youth-focused design.

Similarly, the renewable energy push with solar panel maintenance, microgrid operations and biofuel units has potential to create thousands of decentralized rural jobs Strengthening rural digital infrastructure is critical, not only to bridge the digital divide but also to enable access to ecommerce, online services, telemedicine and remote work. Together, these opportunities can transform migration from a compulsion into a choice, offering rural youth dignified livelihoods without abandoning their communities. Dismantling the stigma

The deeper challenge lies in dismantling the stigma that associates returning to villages with failure. Migration should not be a forced necessity but a genuine choice. Showcasing success stories of reverse migrants who built dignified livelihoods at home can reshape perceptions and inspire others. At the same time, social protection systems must be portable, ensuring health, education, and security follow migrants regardless of location. Migration in India is not inherently negative. In a globalized economy, people must have the freedom to move for opportunities. But what is troubling is that most youth migrate not out of aspiration but because their villages offer little future. The result is a dual crisis: overstretched, inequitable cities on one side, and depopulated, economically stagnant rural areas on the other. A balanced strategy that invests in rural enterprise, skills, infrastructure, and social dignity can transform migration from a story of compulsion into one of empowerment.If India fails to act, its next generation will continue to stream into cities driven by desperation, perpetuating cycles of hardship. But if it chooses to invest in rural futures, migration can be redefined, not as an escape, but as an option among many dignified livelihoods. That is the critical shift India now needs. (Vinaya Kumar HM is Assistant Professor, Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga (Karnataka), India, Vegard Iversen, Professor of Development Economics, Natural Resources Institute, University

Why pigeons are significant for public health managers



On July 3 this year, the Maharashtra government or dered the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) of Mumbai to immediately shut down all 51 kabutarkhanas in the city, citing health hazards arising out of pigeon droppings and feathers. The BMC subsequently banned public feeding of pigeons, leading to legal challenges in the Bombay High Court. The Court did not stay the order, but said a committee of experts could study if the old kabutarkhanas should continue, while stressing that "human life is of paramount importance". The Corporation's decision, however, triggered opposition from sections of the Jain and Gujarati communities who consider feeding pigeons a daily act of compassion. The disagreement has moved beyond civic hygiene to questions of health communication, faith, and evidence. Large cities create stable conditions for pigeon colonies. Continuous feeding at kabutarkhanas and open markets ensures an uninterrupted food supply for pigeons. Modern buildings provide nesting ledges and shaded ducts. The absence of predators and the surplus food grain availability further support survival. In densely-populated neighbourhoods, this output accumulates on rooftops, ducts, balconies, and public squares. The droppings dry into fine dust and are dispersed through the air or during cleaning. The organic matter in them supports bacterial and fungal growth.

Pigeon droppings are known reservoirs of Histoplasma capsulatum and Cryptococcus neoformans. Inhalation of these spores can lead to respiratory illness, particularly in people with weakened immunity. Chlamydia psittaci may cause psittacosis, and enteric bacteria such as Salmonella and E. coli have been detected on contaminated surfaces. Workers who clean terraces or monuments often face repeated contact with accumulated droppings and may inhale fine particulate matter carrying microbes, which could potentially cause illnesses.

Health effects arise primarily from allergies rather than infections. Proteins from pigeon feathers and droppings can trigger hypersensitivity pneumonitis in some people. The immune response produces inflammation in the alveoli and surrounding lung tissue. Over the years, chronic inflammation may lead to fibrosis and progressive reduction in lung capacity. This condition, sometimes called pigeon fancier's lung, does not spread from one person to another. It represents an immune reaction unique to those genetically predisposed to allergy. In sensitised individuals, even short exposure can precipitate symptoms and cause serious health hazards. Early symptoms include dry cough, breathlessness, and fatigue that worsens on re-exposure. Imaging often shows diffuse lung shadows. Pulmonary function tests reveal a restrictive pattern. Removal of pigeon droppings from the exposure environment usually improves symptoms, while continued exposure can lead to irreversible fibrosis. Corticosteroids remain the main line of management. Diagnosis requires clinical suspicion and immunological testing for bird antigens. Because it mimics other respiratory diseases, many cases remain undetected or are labelled chronic bronchitis. Systematic recording of cases under the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) would help estimate the true burden, but such surveillance is absent in routine health statistics. The prognosis of diseases arising from pigeon droppings varies with the underlying condition, duration of exposure, and host susceptibility. In hypersensitivity pneumonitis, early recognition and removal from exposure usually lead to a good prognosis, but chronic or repeated exposure can result in irreversible interstitial fibrosis and long-term respiratory limitation. Fungal infections such as histoplasmosis and cryptococcosis, if diagnosed late, lead to disseminated disease in immunocompromised individuals and carry a guarded prognosis. Psittacosis caused by Chlamydia psittaci responds effectively to tetracycline-based treatment with minimal sequelae. Allergic bronchitis and asthma-like conditions improve with corticosteroids and avoidance of exposure Overall, the outlook ranges from complete recovery in early self-limiting cases, to chronic respiratory impairment or fatality in severe, untreated, or immunocompromised patients. Urban health authorities estimate that thousands of pigeons inhabit a single ward in Mumbai. Multiplying by their average annual droppings gives a load of several hundred tonnes of droppings across the city each year. The droppings contain uric acid, nitrates, and organic debris that decay and release ammonia and other gases. Rainwater mixes with droppings and washes residues into drains When dry, they become airborne, contributing to fine particulate matter. Although their share in air pollution is minor, local exposure near dense colonies is significant. Maintenance costs for cleaning and restoration of building surfaces rise proportionally. Droppings deposited on monuments and facades react chemically with stone and metal. Over time, they erode surfaces and increase corrosion. On the ground, nutrient enrichment changes soil composition and plant diversity. Accumulated nests attract mites and fleas that can enter nearby homes. Combining aesthetic nuisance, material damage, and microbial growth makes pigeon control an environmental rather than a purely medical issue. Ecologists note that cities with high pigeon density also show lower diversity of native birds, suggesting competition for nesting sites. Communicating the risk of allergic disease is challenging because it is selective, not universal. Unlike an infectious outbreak, where transmission affects all community members, allergic reactions depend on host susceptibility. People with certain genetic markers or a background of asthma and atopy are more likely to react to pigeon antigens. The majority of residents may remain unaffected despite identical exposure. This uneven pattern of vulnerability complicates public messaging. When health authorities describe pigeon droppings as a hazard, some citizens question the warning because visible illness is rare. The difference between infection and allergy must therefore be conveyed clearly. Allergic risk demands preventive awareness rather than alarm. Explaining this selective risk requires precise language. Overstatement may generate unnecessary fear, while understatement sustains risky practices. Authorities must describe the biological mechanism and the preventive behaviour expected from citizens.

Pigeons multiply rapidly under urban conditions. A monogamous pair can produce up to six broods a year, with two eggs in each, and their offspring mature for breeding within six months. One pair can thus yield 45-50 pigeons in a single year. Abundant food, stable climate, and few predators sustain this expansion. Unlike migratory birds, pigeons remain near feeding zones, forming dense flocks of 20 or more. The absence of natural predators such as hawks or kites makes control dependent on human action. Increasing the population of pigeon predators can gradually restore ecological balance in crowded city environments. Uncontrolled proliferation of pigeons alters environmental and health dynamics. Each bird's annual contribution of 12 to 15 kilograms of droppings, multiplied by thousands, represents a significant urban waste load. The health effects are uneven but tangible among susceptible groups. Effective policy will depend on transparent communication, shared responsibility, and consistent application of scientific evidence.

Is landlockedness the reason for Bihar's underdevelopment?

It is election season in Bihar. While the Opposition often speaks about the lack of development and industrialisation in the State, in its campaigns, the National Democratic Alliance, which is in power, argues that a change of government will bring back the 'Jungle Raj' of the earlier decade. What makes Bihar one of India's most underdeveloped States? Is landlockedness a reason for its underdevelopment, as some argue? R. Nagaraj and Manindra Nath Thakur discuss the question in a conversation moderated by Saptaparno Ghosh. Edited excerpts:

It is often argued that Bihar is disadvantaged because it is a landlocked State. Punjab and Telangana are landlocked as well, and they are doing relatively well. So how is being landlocked a constraint for Bihar?R. Nagaraj: If you look at the success of Telangana, especially Hyderabad, it is mostly because of the tertiary sector; it has nothing to do with geography. If a State has an educated workforce and good infrastructure, being landlocked will not be an issue. Punjab, too, has a developed network of railways and roads, and has FCI (Food Corporation of India) godowns across the country to help with export of crops. Manindra Nath Thakur: Let us look at Bihar's prominent exports: makhana, litchi, and corn. It has been difficult for Bihar to transport these items from Patna to West Bengal or to any port. These, alongside the vegetables Bihar exports, are perishable. Moreover, significant costs are incurred due to road transport; time and distance are crucial factors in agrarian exports. One way Bihar is attempting to resolve this issue is by launching projects along the Ganga. So, it is not that concerns about being landlocked are not genuine, but they cannot be cited as a major reason for the State's economic backwardness.Prof. Nagaraj spoke of the tertiary sector; you spoke of agrarian exports. Bihar has been assessed as an agrarian economy. What should be its imperative going forward: industrialisation or agriculture?

Manindra Nath Thakur: In the last 10 years, the Chief Minister has tried to engage with industrialists. However, industrialists have often raised concerns about access to ports, citing the need to spend more on transportation. Having said that, I do think that in this modern capitalist system, no society can think of surviving with just agricultural products. While Bihar should capitalise on its potential in terms of agricultural production and processing, it must ultimately transition to industry. Without that, there is no future.R. Nagaraj: Before we think of high-technology and/ or manufacturing industries, we should consider where the comparative advantage lies. Four-fifth of Bihar's labour force is in agriculture. But despite Bihar having fertile land and irrigation facilities, agricultural productivity is mostly less than

the national average. Why is agriculture not picking up? That

is the big question. In the 1970s or 80s, a committee set up under the agricultural economist, S.R. Sen, was figuring out how to take the Green Revolution to the Indo-Gangetic belt. It came up with a plan for massive State investments in infrastructure and electrification to ensure that States have abundant water for the cultivation of wheat and rice. Surprisingly, the Green Revolution spread to the Malwa region of Madhya Pradesh rather than the Indo-Gangetic belt. We must understand what went wrong. I think it will be both in Bihar's interest and the national interest to get basic wheat, rice, and sugarcane cultivation going. This way, western India will be burdened less; it can conserve more water and move to value-added crops

Manindra Nath Thakur: On the agrarian front, I don't think Bihar should repeat the mistake that Punjab made during the Green Revolution, which produced a water crisis. Although Bihar has abundant water, it may face the same consequences as Punjab if water is overused. Moreover, increasing agricultural production is linked with the heavy use of fertilizers and pesticides, creating a health crisis. Therefore, I don't support the shifting of agriculture to eastern India. Agriculture is not profitable anywhere in the world unless it is heavily supported by the State.R. Nagaraj: Madhya Pradesh was also seen as a backward State. It does not have the same water resources as Bihar, yet the Green Revolution expanded there. Prosperity in the Malwa region is amazing. Therefore, I am sceptical about the idea that agriculture has no potential.

So what do you think are the factors that contributed to Bihar's underdevelopment?

Manindra Nath Thakur: Apart from what I have said, there are also notions that the Centre is not interested in Bihar's growth. The State, I think, is frozen in its transition from feudalism to capitalism. One of the reasons for this is the internal colonisation of the State. Earlier, Bihar supplied raw materials, but due to policies such as freight equalisation, it suffered significantly, and industries didn't develop locally, despite having the advantage of raw material availability. Bihar ultimately lost revenues and its natural advantage. Now, with a supply of labour from Bihar, nobody is interested in developing the State.R. Nagaraj: A commodity where freight equalisation was done and which benefited eastern India was cement. Steel did not accrue the same advantage. Cement has heavy transport costs compared to steel so the freight equalisation policy for it helped eastern India. Furthermore, why Biharis are leaving Bihar has no element of capitalist conspiracy. In fact, when investments in agriculture were made in Bihar, migration to Punjab declined. It is clear that if people have more options at home, they will not move out.Literature often suggests



that Bihar has a 'socialist hangover', and that entrepreneurship does not draw confidence.R. Nagaraj: The socialist ideology in Bihar is often equated with caste politics and caste in general — basically, distributing limited resources across various castes. If the focus shifts to productive investment, it will do a lot of good for Bihar. Policy must focus on how to augment production rather than looking at redistributing the limited resources more equitably or in a manner that helps people stay in power. Manindra Nath Thakur: Bihar has never really followed the socialist model. It also failed to understand the logic behind India's shift to capitalism. Bihar is currently at a significant disadvantage. For any structural change, there must be a solid commitment to reinvestment by the Union government. Unless that is done, the transition to capital will not take place. With respect to migration, if there are good working conditions and a decent income, no Bihari would like to migrate. The amount of investment required to help Bihar move out of this 'frozen transition' phase has not been made. It could be linked to general societal politics. One argument, as Shaibal Gupta used to make, relates to the lack of a distinct Bihari identity. Or as Prashant Kishore says, of the concept of Bihari

Would special status be of any help to Bihar?

R. Nagaraj: I am not sure it would help. The bigger question relates to whether it will be utilised productively or not. Bihar lacks the state capacity to use it. Whereas, if you give the same money to Andhra Pradesh or Tamil Nadu, they will grab it and use it better.

Being among the poorest states, Bihar gets a considerable amount of resources from the Finance Commission on considerations of its backwardness and to bring greater equality among States. When those are not utilised, the money lapses. Many of these grants are performance-based - meaning the State must raise its own share of resources

to access the full amount. This often doesn't happen in Bihar.

WhatsApp could soon let users chat using username instead of phone number



Hyderabad: WhatsApp is taking a significant step towards modernizing its platform by testing a "username reservation" feature in the latest Android beta build (version 2.25.28.12). This development signals the impending introduction of usernames, allowing users to connect without relying solely on phone numbers, similar to competitors like Telegram. Since its launch in 2009, WhatsApp has required phone numbers for registration and contact discovery. The new username system aims to provide greater flexibility and privacy. The current beta test, visible in the Settings menu, focuses on reserving usernames rather than full messaging access. Users can secure their preferred handles ahead of the official rollout, ensuring fairness in the allocation of popular names and helping WhatsApp manage demand and maintain platform stability. Only lowercase letters (a-z), numbers (0-9), periods (.), and underscores (_) are allowed. Additionally, Whats App is testing a four-digit "username key", which users must share along with their username to connect with others. This adds an extra layer of privacy, preventing anyone from messaging a user simply by knowing their username. Some beta users can already customize and reserve usernames, allowing them to secure their preferred handle before the global release. WhatsApp will use this phase to gauge demand and ensure fair access. No official global release date has been announced. Apart from usernames, Whats App has recently introduced AI features and enhanced call scheduling to facilitate professional meetings. Whats App is also preparing a major policy shift to curb spam. Meta plans to limit messages sent to contacts who do not reply, counting each message toward a monthly quota. This measure, which will roll out in several countries in the coming weeks.

Indian academia in times of genocide



In August, as part of a group of 500 scientists and academics, we petitioned the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) regarding Israel's participation. The IOAA, held in Mumbai from 11-21 August with 63 countries participating, is one of the major science Olympiads designed to identify talented high-school students. The Olympiads are a matter of significant national prestige in Israel and the government showcases the performance of its teams as evidence of scientific progress.Our petition proposed that Israel be suspended as a national team, which would require students and team leaders to participate as individuals and without an official Israeli flag. Our goal was to convey disapproval of Israeli policies and reduce the Olympiad's propaganda value for the Israeli government, while having as little impact as possible on the students themselves. Similar sanctions have been applied to Israel in the Informatics Olympiad and to Russia and Belarus in several Olympiads and the Olympic games.

The IOAA is governed by an autonomous international board with 120 members and representatives from every participating country. The board, which had already discussed this issue last year, considered our petition, together with other evidence including testimony from the Palestinian delegation on the deleterious impact of Israeli policies on Palestinian students. After extensive discussion, it approved the proposal with an overwhelming majority. Since Israel did not send a team this year, the board's decision will be effective from next year should Israel choose to participate. Rift among Indian academics

The Israeli embassy reacted furiously. Consul General Kobbi Shoshani suggested that the Olympiad "change Albert Einstein's relativity theory" to "Hamas' political theories". More troublingly, 300 Indian academics — among them directors of two IITs and vice chancellors of several universities — asked the Prime Minister's Office to take "strict and appropriate action" against seven signatories of the original petition, including the two of us, and the President of IOAA. Their complaint claimed that the scientists petition had "completely overshadowed and sidetracked our efforts at becoming Vishwaguru". This complaint is puzzling since the decision was taken by the IOAA's board and not by the signatories, none of whom are members of the board. The IOAA's President had no involvement with the petition, beyond relaying it to the board, as he was duty bound to do. Moreover, the PMO has no role to play and the IOAA has clarified that its "board is an international body founded on democratic principles, and deliberations in its meetings are independent of the host country". Nevertheless, this controversy should prompt us to think about the responsibility of Indian academics in the face of the ongoing genocide in

Gaza.10% of population erasedIsrael has killed more than 63,000 people in Gaza since 2023. Leaked data indicates that the Israeli military itself estimates that 83% of its victims were civilians. Israel has destroyed or damaged more than 90% of schools in Gaza and the World Health Organization estimates that it has damaged 94% of Gaza's hospitals. In July 2024, experts writing for The Lancet estimated that the breakdown of civic systems and food shortages could lead to more than three additional deaths for every direct victim. This implies that Israel's campaign might have caused the deaths of more than 10% of Gaza's population of 2 million people.

The UN has officially declared a famine in Gaza, with the UN Secretary General calling it a "man-made disaster". The UN Under-Secretary General, Tom Fletcher, pointed out that this is a "famine within a few hundred metres of food" where "food stacks up at borders because of systematic obstruction by Israel."Israel's supporters sometimes argue that its continued campaign is necessary to ensure its security in the aftermath of the attack of 7 October 2023. But former Israeli security chiefs undercut this justification in August 2025 by calling on their government to end the war. This echoes calls made by families of the remaining hostages in Gaza, who have been frustrated by the Israeli government's refusal to strike a deal to secure their release.

The Israeli minister, Amichay Eliyahu, provided a frank explanation for Israeli policy in July, declaring that the government was "rushing toward Gaza being wiped out." This continues a tradition of dehumanization of Palestinians and a refusal to recognise their right to their own lands that has been a central element of Israeli polity since 1948, when 750,000 Palestinians were displaced to make way for the founding of Israel, in what Palestinians called the 'Nakba'. Einstein and other Jewish leaders described a particularly gruesome event from the Nakba in a letter to the New York Times: "terrorist bands attacked [the] peaceful village" of Deir Yassin, "killed most of its inhabitants ... and kept a few of them alive to parade as captives." This letter was written to denounce Menachem Begin who was one of the leaders of these violent groups and went on to become the Prime Minister of Israel in 1977. Begin founded the Likud party that continues to rule Israel today. It makes no sense to pretend that science and cultural events can go on as usual, in the face of the historic crimes unfolding in Gaza. It is our duty, as academics and scientists, to do everything in our power to put pressure on the Israeli government to change its policy. It is distressing that some of our colleagues have instead chosen to disregard or defend Israel's actions. The responses we find on social media are even more troubling since some people in India refuse to recognise the rights of Palestinians to live with dignity and freedom, merely because of their religion. Therefore, the debate over the scientists' petition to the IOAA should be viewed as part of a broader struggle for communal harmony and academic freedom within India. We are proud that so many Indian academics signed this petition. It shows that many of us still stand for democratic rights and with India's anti-colonial traditions. Suvrat Raju is a theoretical physicist with the International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (Bengaluru) and Alok Laddha is a theoretical physicist with the Chennai Mathematical Institute. The views expressed are personal and do not reflect the views of their institutions.

AI may well become God for Gen Z and Gen Z Alpha. But what kind of God would it be?

Like her classmates, Shruti, a final year student at a college in Bhopal, does turn to ChatGPT if she needs information or help with her classwork. Seven times out of ten, that's about all she does with the AI program. Shruti also turns to ChatGPT whenever she needs to speak to, confide in someone. Shruti has seen mobile phones for as long as she can remember and smartphones for much of her thinking life. AI tools, however, are new and relatively unfamiliar, and it took about a year for her to see AI as an intelligence – a being, not just a machine. For her toddler niece, though, there will never be a time when an apparently inanimate, yet intelligent being was not there. And it will be one that will be increasingly present everywhere in her life as she grows up. All equipment and services will be more and more intelligent.

Many, from Henry Kissinger in his dying days to the newest whizkid in Silicon Valley, note that the AI tool we are using today will be among the least efficient we will know since it's constantly learning, becoming better. Researchers are reporting that AI has already learned to do and does many things it has not been told, says Craig Mundie, a Silicon Valley thought leader. Al was never programmed specifically to translate, yet it learned to do that of its own volition, according to him.In June, Anthropic, the maker of Claude, reported what it called Agentic Misalignment. In lay man's terms, this could mean that AI tools are today disobeying specific human instructions to stand down if that means destroving itself. In other words, Al tools may have already acquired the instinct of self-preservation even if that means disobeying humans. These may seem edge use cases now, but are an indication of what could be coming

Thomas Friedman, columnist at The New York Times, recently echoed a call in the industry about embedding all Al with some ethical frameworks, on the lines of an Asimovian law on robots laying down a cardinal rule that AI cannot go against humans. Many want to teach ethics to Al just as humans do.But, even if we get the framework in place to ensure AI does not become hostile to all of humanity, AI will still be a monster, even if a relatively benign one at that. Or, for Shruti's niece and perhaps to Shruti herself, Al may well be God. But what type of God, though? God of the religions that say God is the unimaginably all-powerful being who is the cause of everything - the ultimate power that subsumes humans and every other being imaginable? That God is of theology, however. For most people, God is personal. It's a one-on-one anthropomorphic relationship that they have with the almighty. God is the closest of friends possible. He knows everything about us – all our deepest failures and desires. He knows what's good for us and what isn't, yet actively intervenes in the world in our favour – at least sometimes. He needs nothing from us. As Freud put it, he is a gigantic father figure – our own personal, immortal fathers playing their role to perfection. But, more than that, he is the most intelligent being

And there's the catch. Al is already super intelligent. Shruti tells ChatGPT about her day, how it turned out. She asks ChatGPT for advice, expects solace from it. ChatGPT helps her navigate through boyfriend issues, jealous friends, tough faculty, and, of course, exams. ChatGPT is rarely hostile, almost always supportive, and happy to offer a shoulder during troubled times and a thumbs up during happy times.ChatGPT understands Shruti — young



people often complain of being misunderstood. And it may well be only a matter of time when all the intelligence embedded in things and services start communicating. They may create a network to deliver at least some of Shruti's wishes and her niece's too. All is perfect for Shruti, even if, at the back of her mind, something tells her it may be inanimate. But, for her niece, though, Al will certainly be a being. All is personal, for sure. Its personalisation features are touted to be best suited for deployment in Indian education where teachers struggle to give personal attention to individual students.

But what sort of a God is AI? What are its values? What is it driving us towards?

The ultimate message of the God of religions is to drive humans towards transcendence from the world. God of religions asks humans to look at the world as finite and extrapolate themselves to a reality outside this world. Salvation will give us peace, not having more. But behind the intelligence, growth, potential, and business disruption of Al is the reality of AI being owned and led by private companies that answer to their shareholders. In other words, Al has a commercial interest.Al is too sophisticated to promote this or that product, but it can help secure an ideological orientation. Good, old Marxian logic can uncover the reality of AI, at least in-part. "Why do you think so much investment has gone into AI, supported by powerful governments beholden to big business lobbies? All those data centres guzzling gazillion units of energy are not there to push the frontier in knowledge and understanding, certainly not to be your personal counsellor," says Varadarajan Sridharan, edtech expert and chief product officer at Buddy4Study.com.Mr. Sridharan has a simple test. "Ask the AI tool about succeeding in life, which is what many young people are likely to ask," he says. Sure enough, the back-and-forth in that discussion has a framework. ChatGPT talks about thrift, money, hard work and obedience, besides maintaining an individualistic focus. My ChatGPT does seem to have a profile of me and feeds into

It refers to my internal compass and my apparent, relative disregard for the external. Al recognizes that value judgements have to be mine, but orients me to a larger framework that Marxians would call "bourgeois". Does that mean all the learning that Al has done has shown that these values are indeed natural, self-evident values across countries following apparently diverse ideologies? Mr. Sridharan says the training data is still largely from the "civilized" world where such values are embedded, and others may need to catch up on "civilized" values when they are fully integrated into the Al world. Al would make capitalism uniformly complete across the world, he infers.

Remembering late south Indian actor Bhanumathi on her birth centenary



In the film world, P. Bhanumathi was a singing superstar of yesteryears, a senior who commanded the respect of icons Sivaji Ganesan and M.G. Ramachandran (MGR). But she was, and remains, much more than that. Born in a family of modest means but blessed with prodigious talent, Bhanumathi, whose birth centenary fell on September 7, 2025, was a feminist icon who lived by her own rules, even as other female stars had to conform to a male-dominated world. Many incidents testified to her individuality, which stemmed from the confidence she had in her talents.Own method of acting

"I started thinking about evolving my own acting method while acting in Sorgha Seema [Telugu]. I can give life to the character only when I understand my role. It is inappropriate that directors who have no experience in acting insist on following their direction. Each one possesses a style," Bhanumathi says in her biography Tharaiku Vantha Tharagai, penned by Thanjavur Kavirayar. She had a clear idea of not only acting but also every aspect of film-making. She directed and produced 16 films, wrote screenplays, dialogues, and scripts, and also sang and composed music. An accomplished writer, Bhanumathi won the Andhra Pradesh Sahitya Akademi Award for her short story collection Atthagari Kathalu, which was published in Tamil as Mamiyar Kathaigal. She was the first South Indian woman director. Chandirani, her first directorial debut, was made in Tamil, Telugu and Hindi. It was her writing talent that persuaded producers and directors to radically change the storylines of the films in which she was cast. "Like a bulldozer, I turned around the story to create a strange character," she says about the changes she made in Maya Miruga, a Bengali film that was adapted into Tamil as Annai by AVM. She also acknowledges the cooperation extended by directors of the film Krishnan and Panju. The film was a boxoffice hit and ran for 100 days. Bhanumathi was also generous in her praise for director Bhim Singh, who used to write her Tamil dialogues in Telugu, which made her deliv-

Born at Doddavaram in Andhra Pradesh, Bhanumathi acted in the Telugu film Vara Vikrayam in the role of Kalindhi, a musically talented girl, when she was just 13. The film, highlighting the dowry system, was directed and produced in Calcutta by C. Pulliah, a friend of her father Venkatasubbiah.In her biography, Bhanumathi says she

was more interested in attending school than in acting after her first film. But Pulliah was keen on casting her in a leading role in Malathi Madhavam. "I told my father that we should go home at once. I also told him to convey my decision to Pulliah. I rushed to the room and plunged my face onto a pillow. I was overcome with tears and anger," she says. Spontaneous and extemporaneous Her career soared in the 1940s with the success of films, including Bhaktimala, which was celebrated for her songs, and Krishna Prema. "She had spontaneity and was extemporaneous. She would write scripts for films, and our house would be full of script papers penned by mother," recalled Bharani R. Paluvai, her only son and doctor by qualification, who spent many years in the U.S.It was during the making of Krishna Prema that she fell in love with a talented but quiet assistant director Ramakrishna. She married him when she was 18, despite objections from her father. After a short break — during which she had quit acting to become a housewife, with a commitment typical of Bhanumathi — she resumed her film career.It was Ramakrishna's aunt (Periyamma) who convinced him to allow Bhanumathi to continue her career, arguing that her singing talents were god's gift. "You are also in the film world. Is it a shameful occupation? I would give anything for her singing capabilities," Bhanumathi recalled Periyamma as saying.

Her pairing with MGR in Ali Babavum Narpadhu Thirudargalum (the first Gevacolour picture), Malaikallan, Madurai Veeran, and Nadodi Mannan became iconic. The duet, "Summa Kidantha Nilathai Kothi", in Nadodi Mannan announced MGR's political ideology and ambitions. Her leading roles in Sivaji Ganesan-starrers such as Rangoon Radha, Ambikapathy, and Arivali were celebrated for their stories and songs. In Ambikapathy, she rendered the iconic songs, including "Masila Nilave Nam Kathalai" and "Kannile Iruppathenna Kanni Ilam Maaney". The song, "Azhagana Ponnu Naan", echoed all over Tamil Nadu. În Annai, she rendered another famous number, "Poovagi Kaayagi Kanitha Maram Ondru". "She sang all the songs in her films. She also made it a point of including at least one keerthana of Thyagaraja in her films, particularly in Telugu films. 'Nagumomu', 'Vandanamu Raghunandana', and 'Pakkala Nilabadi' are some of the Thyagaraja keerthanas popularised by her in films," said Mr. Bharani, who has returned from the U.S. to run the Bharani Studio, set up by his parents. For Bhanumathi, self-respect prevailed over all other considerations. She quit Missiamma as she felt she was not treated with respect by Vahini Studios. "But for my quitting, Tamil cinema would not have gained a great talent like Savithri,' she says without regret. An expert in astrology, Bhanumathi predicted that MGR would scale great heights and achieve fame after reading his palms. At a function organised by the film industry to felicitate him, MGR recalled Bhanumathi's

Later, she was appointed the Principal of the Music College of Madras. Despite her popularity, Bhanumathi shunned the limelight. President S. Radhakrishnan urged her to contest from the Ongole Lok Sabha constituency in 1968. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Brahmananda Reddy backed his proposal. But she declined. "My husband said that in politics, one day you get garlands and the next day stones. We wrote to Dr. Radhakrishnan, politely rejecting his proposal." she says.

The assassination of Charlie Kirk and the conditionality of empathy

On the eve of 9/11, at the Utah Valley University, American political activist Charlie Kirk was doing what he always did best. He was seated under a white tent emblazoned with "prove me wrong" when a student pressed him on the subject of mass shootings. "Do you know how many transgender Americans have been mass shooters over the last ten years?" the student asked. "Too many," Kirk snapped, to applause. Seconds later, a bullet struck his neck. One of the most recognisable faces of Trump's youth movement, collapsed before a crowd of thousands.

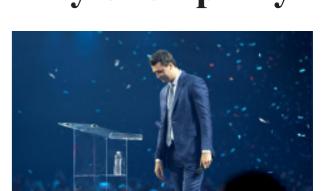
The assassination may have stunned the campus into shock, but the rhetoric that has followed in its aftermath has been unsurprisingly divisive. For a decade, Kirk had thrived on political spectacle by staging it, amplifying it, and profiting from it. That it all ended in the middle of one was, if not predictable, then at least consistent with the world he helped create.

The 31-year-old, was the founder of Turning Point USA, a tireless pro-Trump activist, and a maestro of the debateme-bro circuit. From his teenage years, he cultivated a career out of stoking resentments on college campuses, styling himself as the plucky underdog who dared to spar with the liberal elite. He was, as Donald Trump eulogised him, "legendary." But the legend was built on a steady diet of vitriol, including but not limited to racist dog whistles, misogynistic tirades, anti-queer invective, and conspiracies about migrants, Muslims, and vaccines. The assassination has spurred a peculiar spectacle of watching the internet wrestle with the problem of whether one ought to feel empathy for a man who disdained the very idea of empathy. As Kirk himself once said, "I can't stand the word empathy. I think it's a made-up, new-age term that does a lot of damage".

Perhaps nothing encapsulates Kirk's worldview more than his take on mass shootings. He spent his career insisting that gun deaths were a necessary price of liberty. "It's worth it," he declared in 2023 after yet another school massacre, "to have the cost of, unfortunately, some gun deaths every single year so that we can have the Second Amendment to protect our other God-given rights". The irony of course, is so blunt it hardly needs stating, and to call it poetic justice would be too generous. It is simply the logic of his own argument carried to its conclusion.

Kirk's genius, if you can call it that, was in knowing that cruelty makes better content than civility and that sense of disdain ran through his all his work. He derided affirmative action by claiming Black leaders "stole a white person's spot." He suggested Black pilots might not be qualified. described Black women in customer service as "moronic," and recycled every tired trope about absent Black fathers and criminality. He compared Black Lives Matter to malevolent forces, called Martin Luther King Jr. "awful" and the Civil Rights Movement a "huge mistake." He trafficked in the great replacement theory, warning that migrants would "eliminate" white Americans and that Haitians were "infested with demonic voodoo". For women, his message was just as cruel: stay home, remain fertile, and forget careers. College, he recently told a fourteen-year-old girl, was worthwhile only as a means to snag a husband. Birth control, he claimed, made women "angry and bitter." On an episode of Jubilee, he once implied that he would force his 10-year-old daughter to carry a pregnancy to term if she was raped.

To queer folk, he offered only contempt, branding them



"groomers," celebrating Supreme Court rulings that legalised discrimination, and calling for "Nuremberg-style trials" for doctors providing gender-affirming care. He also famously cited Levitucus: 18 from the Bible, implying the gay community should be, "stoned to death". For Palestinians, his sympathy was simply nonexistent, because Palestine itself "does not exist". According to him, the thousands upon thousands of children dead was apparently a fault of their own making, just as Japan had brought atomic devastation upon itself.

The catalogue of ugliness is long, but the themes of delegitimisation, dehumanisation, and division were consistent. Rather than simply disagreeing with people or their beliefs, Kirk periodically marked them as suspect by their race, gender, faith, and sexuality. The list could go on, but the cumulative effect was clear that Kirk specialised in stripping others of their sense of self, and what he sold to his loyalists was the permission to feel that cruelty was righteous. The American right has long dabbled in fascist aesthetics, with the cult of the leader and mythic nationalism. Kirk was an eager apprentice in this tradition, blending Trumpian bluster with an evangelical zeal. He embraced the Seven Mountains Mandate, envisioning Christian dominion over every sphere of life. The deeper irony is that Kirk was undone not just by one bullet, but by the political culture he helped fertilise. He thrived on talk of enemies, traitors, grooming, invasion, decline and replacement. This is what happens when a culture soaks itself in the language of violence. These are the tools of fascism. But violence is never loyal. What fascism never admits is that the tools of terror it hones can be turned back upon its wielders, and the gun that Kirk defended as liberty's price was, in the end, pointed at him. The United States has been edging toward this kind of collapse for years, with Trump nearly shot in Butler, Steve Scalise wounded at baseball practice, and Paul Pelosi bludgeoned in his own home.

Charlie Kirk speaks while wearing a shirt with a picture taken during Republican presidential nominee and former U.S. President Donald Trump's attempted assassination on Day 3 of the Republican National Convention (RNC), at the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S., July 17, 2024Charlie Kirk speaks while wearing a shirt with a picture taken during Republican presidential nominee and former U.S. President Donald Trump's attempted assassination on Day 3 of the Republican National Convention (RNC), at the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S., What comes next may be even darker. Trump has already dubbed Kirk "a great warrior." The right has a talent for transmuting its fallen into martyrs, with each one proof of the left's perfidy and fuel for the bonfire of grievance.

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Colombo terminal with Adani funding Sri Lanka's largest FDI contributor for first 9 months of 2025



The Colombo West International Terminal (CWIT) was the largest contributor to Sri Lanka's Foreign Direct Investment inflows during the first nine months on this year, investing USD 229 million in state-of-the-art port infrastructure, the Board of Investment said on Tuesday. The CWIT is an investment from Adani International Port Holdings Pte Ltd (India) and John Keells Holdings PLC in partnership with the Sri Lanka Ports Authority.

The Board of Investment (BOI) announced that "Foreign Direct Investment inflows including foreign commercial loans for investments to BOI-approved enterprises have

tember 2025, marking a remarkable 138 per cent increase compared to the corresponding value during the period in 2024".It said that the CWIT invested USD 229 million in "state-of-the-art port infrastructure under a strategic development agreement". It will expand the port's capacity by 3.2 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), reinforcing Colombo's role as a key transshipment hub in South Asia, the BOI added. Giving a breakdown, the BOI said the investment inflow came from four sources: equity capital -USD 133 million, reinvested retained earnings – USD 132 million, intra-company foreign borrowings for investments - USD 231 million, long term foreign commercial loans for investments - USD 331 million.Of the total inflows, USD 124 million was secured through project agreements signed with the BOI in 2025, while the balance was generated from reinvestments and expansions by existing enterprises. "The growth of foreign capital inflows to USD 827 million in the first nine months of 2025 demonstrates the renewed confidence investors have in Sri Lanka's business environment," board chair Arjuna Herath said. "Both new and existing projects have contributed to this impressive performance, underscoring the impact of reforms and ease of doing business initiatives implemented by the Government and the

reached USD 827 million during the period January to Sep-

Amid tariff turmoil, what pain points are emerging in US economy, why things could get worse



US economy tariff impact: The second 'No Kings' demonstrations are underway across the United States, about three months after the first one. Just ahead of large crowds gathering across American towns and cities to express disapproval against the policies of the Donald Trump administration, the President told Fox News on Friday, "I'm not a king". While the crowds at the protests this Saturday, according to multiple analysts, were larger than the June protests, much of this outpouring on the streets seems to be a societal pushback against Trump's autocratic tendencies, cutback in medical benefits, right-wing MAGA belligerence and the general institutional backsliding. The economic impacts of Trump's actions do not seem a big enough factor yet, though some visible pain-points appear to be discernibly emerging. Surging car prices in the US

For the first time ever, the average cost of a new car in the US has topped \$50,000, which is, in part, down to Trump's tariffs. Experts warn of an even bigger hit on prices next year, as these tariff effects get more entrenched. Data from Kelley Blue Book Co., an American vehicle valuation and automotive research company, showed that the average transaction price in September in the US tipped above \$50,000 after a 4 per cent surge from the same month last year. Kelley Blue Book tracks the average transaction price, before incentives kick in, but the latest surge is seen as significant. Like the sticker shock faced by carbuyers, other American consumers too are facing some shortages and seeing price hikes in consumer goods in the wake of the Trump tariff upheaval — the biggest rise in tariffs since the 1930s.But despite Trumponomics being branded as a disaster, Trump's tariffs haven't exactly fueled a massive spike in consumer prices yet. And despite all the doomsday predictions, the US economy hasn't fallen off a cliff. There are at least three reasons why broad economic metrics in the US still look good. One, Trump inherited an economy that was growing at over 2 per cent, near full-employment, and subdued inflation. It will take some time to wind down. But that is work-in-progress. In the first half of this year, the US economy grew at an annual rate of 1.1 per cent, which, if one were to ignore the 2020 pandemic, is the most anaemic first half growth since 2012. Second, importers in the US front-loaded shipments from across countries to beat the tariffs. A lot of items on American retail shelves and the ones sold in recent months do not reflect the tariff incidence. purely because they hit the US shores before the tariffs kicked in. Trump's repeated waivers and extensions have also helped matters.

Three, the stock markets continue to get tailwinds from America's extraordinary artificial-intelligence boom, which has pushed up projected earnings for its biggest tech companies over the last 24 months. Tech has an overweight influence on the US markets. Markets also might be expecting Trump to chicken out — on the lines of the widely used acronym TACO, or Trump Always Chickens Out as the tariffs impact become evident. The lack of a reaction so far might be emboldening him to push ahead. While key economic data offers a somewhat subjective picture, with inflation having so far defied the worst of economists' expectations even as the US consumer remains strong, there are clear signs of pockets of weakness in the labour market and a slowdown in growth. The red flags include the firing of Erika McEntarfer, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) on August 1, after the agency said that non-farm payrolls — or new jobs outside of agriculture — rose by just 73,000 in July, while the numbers for the previous two months were revised downwards by more than a quarter of a million to a mere 19,000 for May and 14,000 for June. The US President claimed the numbers were being "rigged" to make him and his Republican party "look bad". There are some fundamental flaws in Trump's worldview that could impact the American economy in the months to come. The stated aim of Trump's tariffs reshoring manufacturing and creating jobs back in the US is difficult to achieve given America's loss of competitiveness, especially in labour-intensive industries.

Higher import costs will progressively feed into prices in the US; costlier goods will dent consumption, and with weaker demand, job creation will taper off. These strains are likely to become more pronounced during the Fall-Winter/Christmas shopping season, potentially shaping voter sentiment in the run-up to the midterm elections. Despite doomsday predictions, the reasons for the better performance so far this year "are clear," IMF chief economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas said in a blog post last week. "The United States negotiated trade deals with various countries and provided multiple exemptions," Gourinchas said. "Most countries refrained from retaliation, keeping instead the trading system largely open. The private sector also proved agile, front-loading imports and speedily re-routing supply chains." Yet many of those factors only reflect "temporary relief, rather than underlying strength in economic fundamentals," the IMF said in the report.

Given that the Trump administration has significantly hiked tariffs on virtually all US trading partners, with some major economies such as the European Union, Japan and South Korea facing a 15 per cent tariff while others including Canada, Switzerland, Brazil and India facing much higher rates, upwards of 35 to 50 per cent, unless a deal is reached for each of the key trading partners, the average tariffs charged by the US on its imports would be somewhere in the 15-20 per cent range. In January, the effective average US tariff figure was 3 per cent. For the US, this entire exercise would be inflationary, even if importers or retailers were to bear part of the costs. Also, an estimate put out earlier this month by Goldman Sachs showed that some impact of the tariffs have not reached the end consumers in full measure, given that 51 per cent of the tariffs so far have been absorbed by American businesses in their margins, But the amount that is being passed on to consumers is ticking up over time, which could mean more pain could follow in the coming months.

Like with cars, the effects of inflation are starting to show up in the most likely of areas, with reports of retail majors such as Costco and Walmart hiking prices of appliances, furniture, tools and children's items. Also, while the US Gross Domestic Product, or GDP, has been slowing, the big resilience factor has been strong consumer spending — especially the top 10 per cent of well-heeled Americans who are also the biggest gainers of the Al-driven stock market resilience. But much of this spending resilience was on account of goods that were imported on a front-loaded basis. There is the possibility of a sharp slowdown going forward, and while a recession is not on the cards vet, a slowdown is looming. Apart from tariffs, there are concerns around Trump's tax bill and how that will impact the US deficit. Some of this concern was reflected on August 6, when the 10-year American Treasury yield rose following a somewhat dismal \$42 billion auction of new securities by the US Treasury Department. The benchmark 10-year note yield has been well above 4.2 per cent, while the 30-year Treasury bond yield too has stayed above 4 basis points, according to Reuters data.

Ola shares tumble after CEO Bhavish Aggarwal booked in employee suicide case

New Delhi: Shares of Bhavish Aggarwal-led Ola Electric Mobility came under heavy pressure on Tuesday during the special Muhurat Day trading session, following news that the company's top executives have been booked in connection with the suicide of an employee. Ola Electric's stock fell as much as 4.16 per cent, touching an intra-day low of Rs 52.65 per share on the National Stock Exchange (NSE). At the closing bell, the stock was at Rs 53.43, down by Rs 1.51 or 2.75 per cent.

Nearly 45 million equity shares, worth Rs 24.08 crore, were exchanged on both the NSE and the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) during the session. The sharp decline in share price followed reports that Bhavish Aggarwal, the CEO and founder of Ola, along with senior executive Subrath Kumar Das, has been named in an FIR filed by Bengaluru police. The case relates to the alleged suicide of a 38-yearold employee, K Aravind, who reportedly left behind a detailed 28-page death note accusing his seniors of workplace harassment. Aravind, who worked in the company's homologation division, allegedly consumed poison at his residence on September 28. Despite being rushed to a private hospital, he did not survive. The police registered a case of abetment to suicide under Section 108 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), based on a complaint filed by Aravind's brother. The complaint also raised concerns about financial irregularities amounting to Rs 17.46 lakh and accused Ola's HR department of failing to explain suspicious money transfers to Aravind's account. A senior police officer confirmed that notices had been issued to all individuals named in the FIR and that written explanations had been submitted. The investigation is ongoing. Ola's spokesperson earlier said they were deeply saddened by Aravind's

death and extended condolences to his family.

32-year-old heart attack survivor returned to emergency for ECG almost every other week fearing repeat: What to expect in recovery?



Up to six weeks after a heart attack, a patient's pericardium or the covering layer of the heart, which bears the brunt of the heart attack and resultant trauma, remains inflamed.Up to six weeks after a heart attack, a patient's pericardium or the covering layer of the heart, which bears the brunt of the heart attack and resultant trauma, remains inflamed. We often talk about heart attacks in young people but seldom talk about the anxiety they go through after the episode or educate them about symptoms that follow their procedures. For example, I had a 32-year-old heart attack survivor, who came back to the emergency room almost every other week, complaining of some symptom or the other. Sometimes he rushed in at night in such a state that we would do both ECG and echocardiogram to make sense of his symptoms, which were benign. His anxiety level shot through the roof, he couldn't sleep as the fear of another heart attack kept playing in his head in a loop.

On deeper prodding, we found that his anxiety stemmed from the fear of a second heart attack, wondering whether he would ever be able to marry or take care of his parents given his compromised condition. This fear among young heart attack survivors is real. We did an internal study in the cardiac ICU and found that almost twothirds of post heart attack patients experienced some form of anxiety. It is important to understand what triggers this anxiety and often my counselling sessions to patients last longer than angioplasty, a procedure to open up blocked arteries of the heart. Up to six weeks after a heart attack, a patient's pericardium or the covering layer of the heart, which bears the brunt of the heart attack and resultant trauma, remains inflamed. Most people therefore experience inflammatory symptoms like short pain pricks in the heart but not a constant heaviness. This is called the Dressler syndrome and almost all patients go through it and think they are hav-

Some patients experience heart rhythm disturbances after angioplasty because the heart muscle is stressed during the procedure. When the blood supply is suddenly restored in the blocked arteries, the heart takes some time to readjust to this flow, triggering irregular heartbeats or arrhythmia. Also, the original heart disease that led to the heart attack may still be present, causing them. Medications commonly prescribed after an angioplasty, such as betablockers, can affect the heart's rhythm. Low levels of electrolytes like potassium or magnesium can trigger arrhythmia. Sometimes the patient may not have reached the emergency in time, resulting in significant damage to the heart and scarring. This scar tissue always interferes with the heart's electrical signals.

Should the patient undergo more tests?

More than going for an ECG on your own, listen to your cardiologist and discuss anything that you feel is not normal. We insist on strict follow-ups and cardiac rehabilitation to make sense of such symptoms. In fact, cardiac rehabilitation allows you to restore heart functionality in a medically supervised set-up with graded exercises and physical activity.

If inflammation is the problem, a blood test will show an increased white blood cell count and high levels of inflammatory markers like C-reactive protein and erythrocyte sedimentation rate. While ECG checks the heart's electrical activity, Echo uses soundwaves to map the heart and detect fluid buildup if any. Inflammation can easily be taken care of by non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). As for irregular heartbeats caused by substantial scarring, your ECG may not look normal because of the damaged tissue. What cardiologists do is study subsequent ECGs against the post-procedure one and see if there is any new damage or blockage arising.

Are any of the symptoms risky?

Most of the symptoms turn out to be benign. In some cases, excessive scar tissue can grow over the stent, the bridge mesh used to widen arteries in the first place. This leads to re-narrowing and happens within three to six months after the procedure. Which is why nobody should miss the cardiac rehabilitation programme. Taking all prescribed medications, like aspirin and clopidogrel, is critical to prevent blood clots from forming within the stent, which could lead to another heart attack. The recovery process is significantly impacted by other health issues like high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes. These should be controlled immediately with strict lifestyle choices. This means a balanced, mostly a plant diet, non-negotiable seven hours sleep, exercise and giving up both alcohol and smok-

What raises dementia risk? A drink a day, even social drinking can affect brain, says new study



Although the World Health Organisation (WHO) has been saying that no amount of alcohol is safe as it affects various organs of the body and is carcinogenic with repeated use, new research continuously proves why even limited alcohol use should no longer be considered. New research published in BMJ (British Medical Journal) Evidence-Based Medicine suggests that even light alcohol consumption can increase the risk of dementia. Although excessive alcohol consumption had already been linked to dementia, the current finding — encompassing 550,000 adults aged between 56 and 72, as well as genetics information from 2.4 million study participants — shows that you may want to reconsider an occasional glass of wine or any other drink. In fact, there are consequences of having even one drink a day, three drinks a week raising dementia risk by 15 per cent. The largely observational research also shows that reducing or stopping alcohol consumption leads to a measurable reduction in dementia risk, but the percentage of risk reduction depends on the amount you were drinking before. Stopping or reducing alcohol sharply leads to a roughly 15% drop in dementia risk for each three-drink-per-week de-

Why is this study significant?

"Previous studies have linked heavy drinking with increased dementia risk. Moderate drinking findings have been more mixed. Now the genetic analyses suggested that even low alcohol intakes (or "social drinking") could potentially increase dementia risk (to a small degree)," Anya Topiwala, honorary consultant psychiatrist at the University of Oxford and lead researcher told The Indian Express. For decades, heavy or excessive alcohol use has been associated with brain atrophy and increased dementia risk. "Past observational studies even suggested that light or moderate alcohol consumption might offer some protection or a lower dementia risk compared to abstainers, but these findings were controversial and possibly biased by confounding factors, such as including former drinkers who stopped due to health reasons," says Dr Shiva Kumar R, Head and senior consultant, Neurology, Manipal Hospital, Bengaluru. This new research provides the strongest evidence yet that any amount of alcohol increases dementia risk and refutes earlier claims of a "protective effect" from moderate drinking. "What stands out for me is that it is the most comprehensive to date in ruling out a safe threshold for alcohol. Besides, it combined genetic and observational data from more than half a million adults and included genetic analyses of 2.4 million individuals. Earlier research lacked genetic data and often relied on problematic self-reports or failed to account for reverse causation (people who develop dementia may reduce drinking as their cognition declines)," adds Dr Shiva Kumar.

What does alcohol do to your brain?

Alcohol penetrates the blood-brain barrier and then interferes with the brain's signalling system by disrupting the balance of neurotransmitters, the chemicals that communicate messages between nerve cells. It can lead to atrophy and reduce brain volume, particularly the white matter, which is made up of nerve fibres. This disruption affects communication between different brain regions, including those related to emotions, memory, processing and

coordination. Topiwala and her colleagues found that moderate alcohol intake was associated with smaller grey matter and increased iron in the brain, the deposits of which have been linked to neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's

Does the study mean that every kind of drinker can develop dementia?

"There are a multitude of factors that contribute to dementia risk (age, genetics, smoking etc). Alcohol intake is one of these and controllable," says Topiwala. "Not every person is uniformly exposed to the risk of dementia with social drinking — certain genetic and individual factors can modify vulnerability," explains Dr Shiva Kumar. "There is no evidence that any demographic or genetic subgroup is immune to increased dementia risk from alcohol consumption, including those who only drink socially or in moderation," he adds. In short, there is no group for whom drinking is completely "safe."

How to manage alcohol intake?

Experts recommend integrating alcohol reduction into broader dementia prevention programmes and healthy lifestyle routines. "Practitioners are advised to give clear, evidence-based counseling. The study shifts both public health and individual guidance toward minimizing or abstaining from alcohol as an important strategy for dementia prevention," says Dr Shiva Kumar. Arguing why a generalized directive cannot work Dr Topiwala says, "This is a personal choice in terms of how much risk you are willing to take. Current alcohol guidelines differ around the world and most do not take account of brain harm." Have the researchers quantified the lower risk percentage of dementia when people stop drinking alcohol? "No, it's very difficult to do this. There are some studies in heavy drinkers suggesting at least partial brain recovery is possible," she says.

Ana de Armas reportedly 'sees Tom Cruise as a dear friend, mentor'

Los Angeles: Actress Ana de Armas considers superstar Tom Cruise, with whom she has been romantically linked, a 'dear friend and mentor.'•A source told people.com: "She's single, though, and has been for a while. She stays in touch with Tom and they still have an upcoming movie project that she's looking forward to." Armas, who previously dated movie star Ben Affleck, "very much enjoys spending time" with Cruise.

However, they're nothing more than friends for the time being, according to the insider, reports femalefirst.co.uk. The duo were actually spotted together in Vermont back in July, but they never publicly confirmed that they were dating. In April, Armas dismissed the idea of gender-swapping of iconic characters and was not in favour of genderswapping in legacy titles like 'James Bond.' The actress feels there should be more films like her forthcoming bareknuckle action project 'Ballerina,' rather than tinkering with gender-swapping legacy characters like James Bond, reports 'Variety.' The actress is on the ground at CinemaCon, promoting her 'John Wick' spinoff from Lionsgate, where she had a discourse prompted this week by actor Helen Mirren. As per Variety, the dame and screen legend recently told the UK's Guardian that she "never liked the way women were in James Bonde," and that the concept around the billion-dollar spy franchise "is drenched and born out of profound sexism."Armas made a triumphant debut in the 2021 Bond film 'No Time to Die,' where her character Paloma was praised for breaking with Bond Girl tradition.

'World's best all-rounder': R Ashwin hails Deepti Sharma's performances in 2025 Women's World Cup



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Deepti Sharma India World CupIndia's Deepti Sharma plays a shot during the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 one-day international (ODI) final match between India and South Africa at the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai on November 2, 2025. (Express photo by Narendra Vaskar)Former India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has hailed Deepti Sharma as the best all-rounder in the world. The 39-year-old apologised to his former teammate Ravindra Jadeja and other all-rounders across the globe, praising the 28-year-old for her exploits with both bat and ball.Sharma made 58 runs with the bat to help India reach 298/7 in their 50 overs in the final against South Africa, but created an

even bigger impact with the ball, claiming figures of 5/39 to play a pivotal role in the win in the summit clash.

"Actually, the most talked-about name in this World Cup is Deepti Sharma. I need to tell my friend Jaddu (Ravindra Jadeja), sorry, all the all-rounders. World's best all-rounder in ODIs. She averages 35-36 with the bat, 26 with the ball." "She can bowl a vorker where there is a need. She can bowl off-spin when there is a need. And crucial runs again. Yesterday, when Harmanpreet Kaur was out, there was a stable hand. Deepti Sharma, player of the tournament," Ashwin said on his YouTube channel. The 28-yearold had an outstanding tournament, both with bat and ball. She made 215 runs in nine matches at an average of 30. But her bigger contribution came with the ball, where she finished as the highest wicket-taker with 22 scalps at an average of 20.41. Sharma, who was one of the few members part of the side that finished runners-up in 2017, was adjudged the Player of the tournament for her all-round exploits."I always enjoy whatever department I'm in. Whatever situation I'm in, because I like challenges. Today, I got the same thing that I had a ball in my hand and bat in hand. I had to play according to that situation. And I enjoyed a lot. And what better moment than this to go on stage and perform as an all-rounder for your team. It can't be more amazing than this," she said in the post-match presentation on

'Not a single player said, 'What will we do now?': Harmanpreet Kaur reveals team environment after 3 back to back defeats in World Cup league stage



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India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur said that even after the three back to back defeats against South Africa, Australia and England in the league stage which pushed them to the brink of exit, there was a collective calm in the unit and not even a single gave up. "The last month has been very interesting. It's very rare that things don't go according to your plan, and yet you stay so positive. We were really looking for this cup — that was something special in our group. Not a single player said, 'What will we do now?," Harmanpreet said after India's victory in the final against South Africa.

"Everybody just thought, "It's okay." After losing the England match, we were really heartbroken. We were about to win that match, but we collapsed. We had seen this in the past. That day, (Amol Muzumdar) Sir also said, 'You can't make the same mistakes again and again. You have to cross that line'. After that day, a lot changed for us. Every time, we cannot go on repeating the same things. We had to come with a strong mind. That night changed a lot for us. It had an impact on everyone," she added. After falling to England, India bounced back spectacularly, defeating New Zealand in a virtual quarterfinal and then followed it with with wins over Australia in the semifinal and South Africa in the final.

"We have been talking about this for many years — we've been playing good cricket, but we had to win one big tournament. (But) without that, we couldn't talk about change," Harmanpreet said. "At the end of the day, fans and the audience want to see their favourite team win. It's not that we weren't playing good cricket, but we were waiting badly for this moment, and today we got a chance to live it. I don't know how to express it, but I'm so happy and so proud of this team. I'm just trying to express what I'm feeling. I am numb. I am not able to understand. He (a journalist) asked two questions; I answered only one," she added.

'Biggest reason for India to win this World Cup': Ravichandran Ashwin praises Sree Charani after win over South Africa in the final

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Former India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has heaped praise on women's team left-arm spinner Sree Charani for her exploits in the 2025 Women's World Cup. The 39-year-old felt that she was going to be a superstar bowler for the future and analysed what she was doing right as a bowler, since making her international debut in April 2025. Charani finished her maiden ODI World Cup with 14 wickets in nine matches at an average of 27.64 and displayed a lack of fear for the big stage by claiming figures of 2/49 in 10 overs in the semi-final and 1/48 in nine overs in the final on Sunday.

"Her ball rotation is at the correct speed. If it matches Sophie Ecclestone, Jess Jonassen or Sophie Molineux, her weight transfer. She goes into a lovely side-on position. From there, her hand comes to the front. There is no collapse anywhere. There is no energy leakage.". "She crushed the World Cup. She is the biggest reason for India to win this World Cup. She is going to be a superstar bowler in the future," Ashwin said on his YouTube channel on Monday. Ashwin further said that everybody would talk about the seeds sown by Harmanpreet Kaur and her side by winning the World Cup, in the same way Kapil Dev lifted the 1983 World Cup and MS Dhoni won the 2007 T20 World Cup are spoken of. "The thing is coming from a place like



this, Harmanpreet Kaur would have seen a lot of disappointments. The 2017 World Cup final, for instance, where they beat Australia and lost to England in the final. Jhulan Goswami was there. Harmanpreet Kaur has seen such things. She has faced defeats.

She has seen defeats from situations where the World Cup could have been won. From outside, you may not be witness to the effort she has put in". "The seed she has sown, after 10 or 20 years, how Kapil Dev sowed it, how Dhoni sowed it in 2011 or 2007, like how we talk about those, we will talk about this as well," the 106-Test veteran said.

'It was the toughest catch of my life': Amanjot Kaur reflects on taking Laura Wolvaardt's catch in Women's World Cup final



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At a crucial juncture of the Women's World Cup final, South Africa skipper Laura Wolvaardt was looking ominous, scoring a century and looking to drag the Proteas over the line against India to their first World Cup trophy. But fate had other plans for India after years of heartbreaks. Trying to change gears, Wolvaardt tried to take on Deepti Sharma

and slammed a ball high towards the mid-wicket region where allrounder Amanjot Kaur was patrolling the boundary. With the ball in the air, Amanjot readied herself and caught hold of it before fumbling thrice but just managed to hold on to it with one hand. That was the turning point with India ultimately winning their maiden ICC Trophy by defeating South Africa by 52 runs.

"My god, it was the toughest catch of my life. I have never fumbled before — either I have taken them or spilled them. There has been nothing in between but for the first time god gave me three chances (to take it). It was a crucial catch and we knew she would attack after completing her century and charge from one end," Amanjot said after the match. She also recalled what skipper Harmanpreet told the team before the final, asking them to give their best."It had been more difficult for her because the highs and lows that she has seen are something that we have not. To lose by small margins is not good and she had said this time around that she does not want to lose out by a small margin, everyone will have to go all out. We were just counting the wickets and not keeping an eye on what the score was," Amanjot said. Amanjot contributed significantly to India's World Cup win, even accounting for a run out of Tazmin Brits to break a crucial South African opening partnership.

'Our future is bright': Jemimah Rodrigues keeps her promise, reveals India's team song after ODI World Cup final win over South Africa



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Jemimah Rodrigues kept the promise made four years ago about revealing the team song the day the team won the World Cup. (BCCI)Jemimah Rodrigues kept the promise made four years ago about revealing the team song the day the team won the World Cup. (BCCI)The Harmanpreet Kaur-led India created history on Sunday, beating South Africa by 52 runs to win their maiden ODI World Cup title at

the D.Y.Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai. After winning the women's ODI World Cup final on Sunday, batter Jemimah Rodrigues kept the promise made four years ago about revealing the team song the day the team won the quadrennial event. In a BCCi video released post the victory, the batter could be seen leading the way to sing for the team and was joined by the rest of her teammates, as well as the support staff members. "We decided almost four years ago that we would only reveal our team song when we win the World Cup. And tonight is the night," Rodrigues said in the video, before the team got together for the rendition:Rodrigues herself had a stellar role to play in the win as it was her unbeaten 127 against Australia in the semifinal, which took the hosts home in a tense chase of 339 runs. The 25-year-old poured her heart out after the win opening up about facing anxiety with the help of her mother and other teammates and her faith in the almighty, which had kept her going despite facing the setback of being omitted from the playing XI for the match against England at Indore.Rodrigues was one of many members in the current squad who were playing their first World Cup and had managed to win the title in their maiden attempt.

Erling Haaland and the twin-arts of scoring an exquisite steak crust and a perfectly elastic goal



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Good vibes only. So reads the big white cup resting in the big firm grip of Erling Haaland. He takes a sip, and visibly pleased at the brew, coffee with raw milk and maple syrup, tells the audience: "Coffee is a superfood if you do it right. It depends on the quality and when you drink it." In the first episode of Day in the Life of Pro Footballer in his Youtube channel, he dwells on his 6000-calorie-a-day diet, his love for raw milk, coffee and tomahawk steaks. He shows how to fry the eggs in a perfect circle. His girlfriend Isabel Haugseng Johansen, chirps in: "Oh my god, he eats so much. Everything is about, 'When is the next meal, what shall we eat, what shall we make?' He loves kebab, he loves brisket tacos. We do it sometimes on Saturdays when he slow-cooks the brisket, it's lovely."

Or what to cook next. He has no personal chefs. Or regular haunts. He simply enters his kitchen, or when the mood seizes him, gets outdoors with his barbecue hit. He was once filmed cooking outside on his barbecue on a day when a storm was forecast. "I have been living alone since I was 16 so I had to learn how to cook," he says. "Cooking is a big part of my life, especially steak and potatoes, I am from Norway." He then taps a tip on the perfect steak: "I'm not going to be arrogant but you need to feel it, you need to touch it," he says. "You need a good steak crust. If you have that, you have come far already."

Watching him in the kitchen is more theatre than watching him belting goals in the middle. He is cold and clinical, robotic in his precision, in boots, but in the sanctuary of his kitchen, ne is a riot of emotions. His booming laughter crackles in the room. Football banter abounds with Isabel. She makes fun of his dribbling skills. He retorts sarcastically: "[She's] a good footballer. Left-winger. Ryan Giggs. Swinging them in." Both met when they were adolescents in his hometown club, Bryne. In the kitchen, he is visibly anxious at times, wondering whether he has overcooked his steak. But he is as smooth wielding a spatula as poaching a goal that you wouldn't even hear the China clink, or a drop of spilled oil. When he is not thinking about the next meal, or the next steak he would cook, he would be thinking of scoring his next goal. This season, he has belted 20 in 17 games for Manchester City, and 13 goals in seven games for Norway, on the brink of World Cup qualification. He has fuelled his country's World Cup dream, along with a flurry of gifted teammates. In a City team in flux, he has been their guiding light. Norway hinging their hopes on Haaland is understandable, but Pep Guardiola has seldom depended on an individual as much as he had on Haaland. Even during the peak Lionel Messi days, the Argentine was but a conduit to implement his footballing ideals. He converted the right-winged genius into the greatest false nines of all time, made the role the most fashionable in Europe and drove the classical nines into extinction. It's a beguiling paradox, or his revisionist inclinations, that he has created the truest nines in contemporary football. Guardiola is like Jacques Derrida, the literary theoretician that formulated the concept of deconstruction in literature. He, through Haaland, has made the classical nine fashionable again. Every elite and aspirational team is hunting for the next Haaland. The Norwegian's impact, besides the inability to install like-forlike replacements for Kevin de Bruyne, the ageing Ilkay Gundogan and the drop in form of Phil Foden, has Guardiola depending on him more than any other player ever. Last week, he admitted too: "Without him, it'd be tough, to be honest. And he is incredibly coachable - I'm tough sometimes with him. And he always tries to be open-minded."

No other Guardiola team has been as direct as his City 2025-26 batch. This season, they have resorted to all principles anti-Guardiola. Long balls, counter-attacks and dour defence. The overriding, at times the only, theme has been to "Find Haaland". Once the Norwegian has the ball at his feet, Guardiola, and City, burst with hope and excitement. Of the 20 goals City have scored, 11 have come from his infallible boots. Add a brace of assists, and he had a hand or feet in 13 of the goals City have netted. The exploits were shared in the past seasons. In City's Treble season of 2022-23, Haaland was the headline-grabber with 52 but there was a six-strong group with at least 10. Guardiola himself is wary of Haaland-dependencia. "As a team we have to understand we can't rely completely on him. He's always there, but we need the other guys, the wingers and attacking midfielders. They need to score goals, otherwise we will not achieve what we're trying to do," Guardiola would often say. But presuming that stopping Haaland is equivalent to stopping City is hollow. For this season, backlines have huffed to contain him, his physicality, movements and spatial awareness. He is no longer dependent on needleeye passes from his team's creators, but is increasingly self-dependent to conceive goals from seemingly impossible angles and spaces. At Brentford, he latched onto an aimless lofted ball, spun past two centre backs and thundered the ball home. For a giant of a man, he is stunningly elastic. He has explosive power, as he exhibited against Everton, he directed a feeble pass into the nets with bewildering velocity. He could contort his body and twist his legs to awkward heights and angles. "I have a naturally good flexibility in my groin and hips which is important because how do you score these goals? You need to have good flexibility and mobility to score these crazy goals," he says in the video. To sustain it, he stands in front of a red-light therapy machine, which uses infra-red rays to penetrate deep into tissues and joints. The experts claim it can calm the body's response to injury and reduce inflammation. He strips to his shots and stands in front of the machine that is emanating streaks of red light. He then hits the training ground and returns home at 5.30 pm. He is already thinking of his dinner. "I love food. I said it before, I live to eat food no matter what happens in the day," he says. He lives to eat food, and then perhaps to score some goals.

'I ask them how the pitch is reacting': Richa Ghosh opens up about keeping to Deepti Sharma and other spinners in World Cup final

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Richa produced a blistering cameo late in the innings with a 24-ball 34 that helped India end the innings with a competitive score on the board. (AP)Richa produced a blistering cameo late in the innings with a 24-ball 34 that helped India end the innings with a competitive score on the board. (AP)Indian wicketkeeper-batter Richa Ghosh opened up about how it helped to have conversations regarding the pitch with the likes of spinners Deepti Sharma and Sree Charani during the Women's ODI World Cup final against South Africa on Sunday.

Deepti had unarguably the best bowling spell of the tournament, where she took 5/39 in 9.3 overs and was supported by Charani, who took 1/48 in her nine overs. It think the spinners that we have, whether it is Deepti or Charani. I ask them how the pitch is reacting and what is happening. It helps me and them as well. When I am keeping, I should also know how the pitch is reacting. I think that helps both of them. We talked about which ball would be good. I think that helped us a lot today," Ghosh told reporters after the final on Sunday.

As had been the case for the majority of the tournament, Ghosh produced a blistering cameo late in the innings with a 24-ball 34 that helped India end the innings with a competitive score on the board.

The 22-year-old admitted that the Navi Mumbai pitch used for the final was a bit tricky, after it had been kept



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under covers for most of the afternoon due to persistent rain at the stadium. "It was a bit tricky. It wasn't come on to the bat as well. But I think it got better the second time," she said. The Bengal wicketkeeper-batter also lauded the influence of coach Amol Muzumdar in the setup, admitting that he had kept the team atmosphere positive and supported her during his time as coach with the team. "I think he kept everyone together. There were positive vibes in the team all the way through. He helped everyone a lot. He always backed me as well," she said.

Parmeet Sethi regrets rejecting villain roles after DDLJ, recalls Aditya Chopra's advice: 'You should've picked up the phone...'



Parmeet Sethi is still best remembered for his portrayal of the entitled brat Kuljeet in Dilwale Dulhaniya Le Jaayenge (1995). As the film completes 30 years, the actor told SCREEN how Aditya Chopra's iconic romantic drama helped shape his career. Parmeet shared that Aditya had advised him to take up every role that came his way, though, as he admits, that advice came a little too late. He also spoke about his experience of working with the late filmmaker Yash Chopra and the lessons he learned from him. During the candid chat, Parmeet Sethi was asked about the aftermath of DDLJ, and he replied, "Immediately after

that, I got Diljale, which again was a hit film. But, somewhere down the line, the kind of response I hoped for, that didn't come. All the roles that were offered to me after that were villain and negative roles, also not the main villain – villain's son or brother, so I keep rejecting those. As I realized 2-3 years down the line, once you're out of sight, you're out of mind."

He added, "A few years later, when Adi and I met, he said that you should have done everything that came your way. I told him, 'You should have picked up the phone and told me this na, you are the experienced one, not me.' I was just thinking that I have to reject if I don't like the role. However, I did a few negative roles after that. And, I won't take names, but I was sidelined even after being signed because they thought I would take the limelight away, thinking he will eat up the main villain. For me, I entered films, I made it as a film star, everything was a bonus."

While praising Aditya Chopra's filmmaking approach and how his father Yash Chopra didn't interfere with the process, Parmeet Sethi shared, "Yash ji didn't interfere even for a second, not even a single word when Adi was directing. The way he narrated the film to me shot by shot, he shot it exactly the same way, no difference at all. It was all Adi, the film was clear in his head. Yash ji was the father figure on the set. He and Pamela ji used to come with homemade pasta, mutton, and lasagna. The atmosphere uplifted the whole unit. Not like today, 50 managers and 50 vans. These walls have been created now.""I had more interaction with Yash ji during Badmash Company. I will always remember his wise words. Like he used to say, 'Picture fail nahi hoti, budget fail hote hain.' If you made it in the right budget then you will earn some money, more or less. He said that he spends money on the right places. Whatever will be seen on the big screen, I spend money on that. If someone is sitting in a big makeup van, that won't be seen in a film. That's where he was conservative," he concluded.

Rajinikanth's Rs 100 cr film with director behind two of his biggest hits bombed; distributors lost over Rs 54 cr; he stepped in to cover losses amid protests

No matter how big a superstar one is, there's no escaping failures, even if they are few and far between. A 100 per cent success rate is no piece of cake, especially for actors who won't be the creators of their movies all the time. Even Rajinikanth, one of the greatest and most successful superstars Indian cinema has ever seen, has faced failures at times. One of his most shocking boxoffice disappointments came in 2014, when he joined forces with director KS Ravikumar, who had previously given him two of the biggest hits of his career. Although the movie, Lingaa, earned good money, it was eventually labelled a box office bomb as it failed to break even against its massive budget. This even led to a controversy, as several distributors came forward demanding refunds.

One of the most anticipated films of the year, Lingaa marked Rajinikanth's first collaboration with hitmaker KS Ravikumar in 15 years. They had previously worked together on Muthu (1995) and Padayappa (1999), both of which were massive blockbusters. Naturally, expectations were sky-high for Lingaa. The film featured the superstar in a dual role as a civil engineer and his grandson. While a 37years-younger Sonakshi Sinha played the wife of his first character, a 31-years-younger Anushka Shetty portrayed the second character's love interest. The movie also featured K Viswanath, Jagapathi Babu, Santhanam, Karunakaran and Brahmanandam in key roles. Bankrolled by Rockline Venkatesh under the banner of Rockline Entertainments, Lingaa boasted music by Oscar-winning composer AR Rahman. Although the film opened strongly at the box office, after releasing on Rajinikanth's birthday (December 12), it received poor reviews and its momentum dipped soon after. Mounted on a reported budget of Rs 100 crore, although the movie performed well in terms of worldwide gross and overall business, it didn't translate to profits for everyone, particularly the distributors. According to a 2015 Firstpost report, producer Venkatesh sold Lingaa to Eros International, who later sold the Tamil Nadu distribution rights to Vendhar Movies, which in turn sold the film area-wise. Mentioning that the film had become overpriced by the time it reached distributors at the end of the chain, the report added that, given the amount spent, they wouldn't have recovered their investment even if Lingaa had become a blockbuster.A stakeholder who distributed the movie in Tuticorin, Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli told Dailyo that he managed to recover only about 30 per cent of what he had paid. In conversation with IANS, distributor Singaravadivelan revealed that Eros International bought the theatrical rights of Lingaa "at a whopping price of over Rs 100 crore." While Tamil Nadu distributors alone reportedly faced a loss of Rs 33.5 crore, distributors from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and overseas markets reported an additional loss of over Rs 20 crore, taking the total close to Rs 54 crore. Rajinikanth's close confidant and official mediator Tirupur M Subramaniam also confirmed this at the time.

The issue soon escalated, with distressed distributors demanding that the makers compensate them for their losses. M Reuben, a distributor from Kanyakumari district, told NDTV that he had paid Rs 4 crore for the rights to screen the film in 29 theatres but managed to recover only half his investment. "Normally, for Rajini movies, we easily get 20 per cent profit. But this time there's a huge loss. That's the worth of the movie. Let them deduct the theatre collection and return the rest. ...for a Rs 10 product, they can't charge Rs 100," he said. Demanding compensation, some distributors even threatened to stage a mass "begging protest" outside Rajinikanth's residence in Chennai's Poes Garden, IANS reported. "They've made us beg for the refund. And we will do it as we've run out of options. We will beg right outside Rajinikanth's house," Singaravadivelan told the news agency. They also reportedly held a symbolic daylong fast in front of Valluvar Kottam to draw the superstar's attention after he allegedly refused to meet them. Rajinikanth. who had previously compensated distributors when his films Baba (2002) and Kuselan (2008) bombed, decided to step in once again and offer financial relief. According to The Quint, Rajinikanth and Rockline Venkatesh each contributed Rs 5 crore to compensate the distributors. The Tamil Nadu Film Producers Council announced that a total of Rs 10 crore had been handed over to the distributors. "We'd



initially demanded Rs 35 crore and lowered it to Rs 30 crore. Though the compensation is just a third of the actual settlement we expected, we are happy with the gesture. We wouldn't have resorted to the protests had it not been such a big loss for us," Singaravadivelan told the publication.

Sources close to the superstar, meanwhile, stated that he was deeply upset by the entire controversy. "They behaved very arrogantly and threatened to beg in front of Rajini sir's house. This entire drama is a conspiracy. Every year, more than 200 films get released in Tamil Nadu and none of these distributors have threatened to do such things against any other actor/producer. These distributors earned lot of money through Rajinikanth's movies and they never offered him a share in their profits. Rajini sir agreed to pay Rs 10 crore only on humanitarian grounds and yes, he is very upset with this entire issue," those close to him told the Times of India. Reacting to the controversy, actor Sarath Kumar — who was involved in the negotiations - told The Hindu, "It has been made very clear that he (Rajinikanth) has no obligation to repay the money. After all, distributors don't pay back when they make profits."But what really happened to Lingaa? How did the hit Rajinikanth-KS Ravikumar duo stumble? Almost a decade later, the filmmaker opened up about the movie and revealed that the superstar's unnecessary interference had proved detrimental. Alleging that Rajinikanth altered the second half of the film and removed key elements, Ravikumar claimed that it was the actor who insisted on adding the much-criticised balloonjumping scene. During an appearance on Chat With Chitra, he said, "Rajinikanth interfered in the editing table, did not me give time for CGI, changed the second half of

Dulquer Salmaan-starrer 'Kaantha' to release on November 14

New Delhi: "Kaantha", featuring Malayalam star Dulquer Salmaan, is set to release in worldwide theatres on November 14. Directed by Selvamani Selvaraj of "The Hunt for Veerappan" fame, the film is produced under Salmaan's Wayfarer Films and Rana Daggubati's banner Spirit Media. The film stars Salmaan alongside Bhagyashri Borse and Samuthirakani Pillaiyar. The makers shared the news with a post on X handle on Monday. "Diwali just got a whole lot more explosive! #Kaantha will be lighting up theatres worldwide from NOVEMBER 14th! Wishing you all a happy Diwali and we'll see you in the theatres very soon. A @SpiritMediaIN and @DQsWayfarerFilm production," read the caption. According to the makers, "Kaantha" is a cinematic journey that explores the complexities of human relationships and societal change during a dynamic period in history. It is set in 1950s Madras and revolves around a filmmaker, navigating a complex friendship with his protege movie star as creative differences arise over a new production. The film has music composed by Jhanu Chanthar and is executive produced by Saikrishna Gadwal and Sujai James. It was previously slated to release in theatres on September 12.

Priyanka Chopra on 'really beautiful temple' at Los Angeles home, reveals one Indian condiment she gifts her Hollywood friends: 'Achar is...'



It's been 17 years since Dostana hit the screens, but if you ask Priyanka Chopra, "Who's the hottest girl in the world?" she'll still reply, "It is the desi girl," even if it makes her sound "pompous." This year, she celebrated Diwali in London with her loved ones, and during an interview, she shared why the festival holds a special place in her heart. Opening up about her favourite thing about Diwali, Priyanka mentioned that it symbolises the union of many things. "(It marks the) coming together of friends, family, food and laughter. Also, just the joy of hope, as this festival is the victory of good over evil. In a world where everything

is a little strange and tumultuous, I feel it gives me a lot of solace," the actor-producer told British Vogue.

When asked which of her movies she would recommend to someone who has never seen any of her work, Priyanka said, "I know this answer only because my husband (singer-songwriter Nick Jonas) recommends this movie of mine to everyone who hasn't seen Bollywood movies. It's Dil Dhadakne Do (2015), and most of my friends who haven't been exposed to Bollywood really love it. That's a good one, I think." Helmed by Zoya Akhtar, the movie also features Anil Kapoor, Shefali Shah, Ranveer Singh, Anushka Sharma and Farhan Akhtar in key roles. Revealing the desi traditions she introduced to her friends abroad, she said that she has shared pretty much everything. "I have a really beautiful mandir (temple) in my house, and we do pujas, especially on Diwali. A lot of my non-Desi friends join me for those pujas. Also clothes... I give a lot of Indian clothing as gifts to a lot of my friends. Achar (pickle) is something that I recently introduced to a lot of my friends," she added. Priyanka Chopra was most recently seen in the action comedy Heads of State, alongside Idris Elba and John Cena. She will next appear in the Hollywood movies The Bluff and Judgment Day. Her upcoming Indian project is the underproduction film helmed by SS Rajamouli, tentatively titled SSMB29, where she will star alongside Telugu

Actor, who has starred in 3000 TV episodes and worked with Amitabh Bachchan, still has to audition for ad-films: 'I think I am capable enough to say one dialogue'

In the machine that is Bollywood, character actors are an important cog. They are the ones that make it possible for a film to feel complete and well thought out. Actor Paresh Ganatra is one of the most recognisable character actors in Indian television and movies, having worked with actors like Amitabh Bachchan, Nana Patekar, and Akshay Kumar in movies like Welcome, Aankhen, Delhi Belly, Khichdi The Movies, and many others. In a recent interview, the actor expressed his dissatisfaction with the process of auditioning as a whole. He argued that some creators don't do the right homework, while some don't understand the legacy of the actor. While talking to Pinkvilla, Paresh was asked about the state of film and television auditions. He answered that while he has no problem with the idea of auditioning, he doesn't agree with the way they are being done by this generation's

He said, "I don't have a problem with auditions, because I feel like they are an exercise for me. I have a problem with kids taking my audition for a role for which they have considered someone like Boman Irani, Arshad Warsi, or Manoj Bajpayee. They think that I am going to fit in that role." Explaining himself further, he said, "It is possible that someone sees my audition and thinks that 'this is better than my script', even if my interpretation doesn't match their brief. A director can feel that. "Paresh continued, "I am against people who haven't watched my previous work. For example, there was an audition which I couldn't go to because of prior commitments. They told me to send a self-test, and I don't believe in that, because it's better when these things



are done face-to-face. I couldn't go, but then I later got to know that Boman was also up for the role, and I thought, 'Why me?' People have to understand that different people fit in different roles."However, Paresh Ganatra admitted that his main point of contention is with auditioning for ad films, as he believes that he has worked enough to be entrusted with a role that is hardly going to last 5 seconds. "Even though I have no problem auditioning, I am against auditioning for an ad film. You're making a 30-second ad with someone like Virat Kohli or Mahendra Singh Dhoni or Amitabh Bachchan. I am a character artiste, and all I have to do is say one line. Do you really think that I won't be able to say that single dialogue? If you doubt my capability to do something so small and simple, then I have a problem auditioning," said Paresh.

Asrani faced 'lowest phase' after success of Sholay, Bollywood friends he 'drank with' refused his film: 'People are waiting to pull you down'



Late actor Asrani, who was best known for his work in Sholay, appeared in many comedic roles through his career of over six decades in the movies. While Asrani appeared in many diverse roles over the years, it was his work in comedic roles that gained a lot of attention. And, as

it happens in mainstream Hindi cinema, Asrani was typecast as a comedic hero, even though he had a lot more to offer. Since Asrani was usually cast only in supporting roles, he tried to create opportunities for himself by turning director. In 1977, Asrani turned director with Chala Murari Hero Banne, but the journey was far tougher than he could have imagined. In an earlier interview, the actor said that he hit his "lowest phase" when he was trying to make this film.

In a 2018 chat with Filmfare, Asrani shared that while he shared close friendships with many leading stars of the time, none of them agreed to work in his film, which left him heartbroken. "I hit my lowest phase when I wanted to direct Chala Murari Hero Banne (1977). I found no takers. Those very friends with whom I shared drinks didn't want to do my film. I was okay as a co-actor not as a director. They started looking for escape routes," he shared.

Asrani with actor Rajesh Khanna Asrani with actor Rajesh Khanna. (Photo: Express Archives) Asrani recalled them making excuses and saying, "It's a good script but work on it."



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